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Chief of **CEGB** vulnerable

defiant attack on governindustries was made yesterday by Mr Glyn England, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board. Mr Eng-Generating Board. Mr Eng-land's £44,000 a year position is vulnerable as Mr Nigel Lawsin; Secretary of State for Energy, is thought to be work-ing on a radical purge of the board's key personnel: Page 15

Government defeated

The Covernment was defeated by four votes in the House of Lords last night before the Mental Health (Amendment) Bill completed its passage. A new clause imposing on health and social service authorities a duty to provide after care a duty to provide after care for those affected by the Bill was carried against Govern-ment advice by 83 votes to 79.

Smith party MPs resign



Seven Zimbabwe MPs have re-signed from the white Republican Front Party led by Mr Ian Smith (above). They said some of the views in the party were totally opposed to their own Page 8.

BR may lose mail contracts

The Post Office is considering switching some of its mail from British Rail to road and air transport effer the disruption caused by the train drivers strike. Post Office contracts Rail last year Page 15

Free abortions for French

France is to make abortion available under the national health system from September, in accordance with the election promises of the Socialist Party. The move, which extends the present limited facilities, is bound to provoke an outcry.

Britain rejects Polish ploy

Britain has fold Poland it will refuse to accept inpernees forced into exile as a way of resolving the country's political problems. Only Polish cititens who genuinely wanted to leave would be admitted Page 8

38,000 teaching posts to go

The Covernment is planning to cut 38,000 full-time teaching jobs in England by 1984-85, it is disclosed in a White Paper on government expenditure plans to be published on Tuesday

Wārships spared The Royal Navy's two amphibious assault ships, the Fearless and the Intrepid, which were

cuts, have won a temporary reprieve after a review of the cost of maintaining them Page 3

Rain stops play

Rain brought an early finish to the drawn opening match of the English cricket team's tour of South Africa. Austra-lian and West Indian players are to be invited to South Africa later this year Page 20

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1986 lift-off for two TV space channels on BBC

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By Kenneth Gosling

The BBC was given permissing of cinema films less than sion by the Government yesterday to start broadcasting television programmes on two satellite channels from early in 1966. Making the announcement in the Commons, Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, said there would be opportunities in the future for independent television operate similar services.

One channel will be run by coverage, subscription, the other by a The second channel, known supplementary licence fee, as Window on the World, would something the Home Office feature the best television from proposed but which the BBC around the world. Although the made clear yesterday it does not favour. In the long term, it said, it intended both chan-pels to be funded mainly from subscription channel discome. Subscription channel income.

Viewers wanting either or both services will have to buy dish aerials and other equipment which will cost initially burden. Mr Bill Cotton, direction from the licence-payer to face this burden. Mr Bill Cotton, direction from the licence for of development, said satellite television was only a small produced. The aerial, two gamble and he thought the variences of which were shown numbers who would want to watch would bring a profit very to £200 when quentities are produced. The aerial, two varieties of which were shown at a press conference at the BBC Television Centre, will later be replaced by a flat ment plate fixed to an outside well.

The Independent Broadcast-ing Authority, which recently made a bid for satellite chan-nels, welcomed the prospect of public debate on essential broadcasting issues, including assurances to existing viewers that the saming from the four that the service from the four terrestrial channels would remain as good as possible.

This assurance had already been given by Mr Alasdair Milne, managing director of BBC television and director general designate, who said:
"We are adament that we will keep faith absolutely with the viewers we now serve. There is no question of taking pro-is no question of taking pro-grammes off existing networks and moving them to satellite channels. We seek to provide additional services through a new means of distribution and the licence payer will benefit

In the Commons spacement, Mr Whitelaw sadding was vital to make an early start in an area of keen international competition. The initial two satellite channels would be into be allocated as and when the demand justified it. An announcement would be made shortly, he said, about the future of cable television. Mr Milne explained that on subscription television they would be seeking to lift the restriction, at present imposed on cable, prohibiting the show-

a year old. They wanted to broadcast films after their first showing in the cinema. The channel would show orchestral, channel would show orchestral, operatic and dramatic productions and live events not now available on any network—for example, an entire golf tournament or motor race. Sports were now limited to transmission times which could be sion times which could be given without restricting other

around the world. Although the Home Office wanted this chan-nel funded initially by a sup-plementary fee the proposed start date of 1986 meant this would not fall within the curwatch would bring a profit very quickly.

Television satellite channels could provide additional radio services, and the BBC said it wanted to explore this facility for digital transmission per-haps of high quality music ser-

vices.
The BBC expects viewers to obtain the subscription service with something like a credit card keyed into the equipment in the home to select the programmes the viewer wanted to watch; a new card would probably be purchased annu-

ally. In Manchester last night, Mr Colin Shaw, the Independent Broadcasting Authority's direc-tor of television, said he thought some countries were unwilling to see their television services threatened by invad-ing satellite services without putting up a fight.



Pym promises inquiry over 'spy' researchers claim

Mr Francis Pym, leader of that the assistant said in the the Commons said yesterday form that she was in Britain that claims that unpaid reason assistants, taken on by MPs, could be security risks spelling.

When the Commons said yesterday form that she was in Britain as part of an educational program with the American spelling.

Mr Nicholas Winterton, Tory Pym told MPs that the all-party Commons Services Committee

would examine the issue. There are security implica-tions ... there is an issue here which needs investigating," he

MPs have recently expressed fears that the growing number of napaid assistants from abroad may be "reporting back" to outside agencies. It was announced on Wednesday that more than 100 MPs would be receiving letters from Torre be receiving letters from Tory and Labour Whips offices, asking for confidential details of their research assistants backgrounds.

Last night, another rumpus was brewing as security authorities realized that some confidential questionnaires sent to MPs had been filled in by the assistants themselves.

More than 12 of the forms made. He added that the issue have already been returned to had to be dealt with, "if only the authorities but at least one to satisfy ourselves that, in MP, the authorities say, just certain respects, the present handed the form to his American research assistant for her to complete. The giveaway was we can do something about it."

Mr Nicholas Winterton, Tory MP for Macclesfield, said in

the Commons yesterday, that many complaints were being passed to MPs "about the presence of very strange peo-ple in this building who seemed to work at very strange hours."

Mr Stanley Clinton Davis,
Labour MP for Hackney Cent ral, said there was a clear need for guidelines to be laid down He added: "A great deal of very unpleasant speculation and defamatory observation has been made about hardworking, very decent American students who are here to study and help MPs. These people and neip hirs. I ness people should not be made the scape-goar for the thoroughly inade-quate research conditions and facilities in the Commons, he

Mr Pym replied that a num-ber of allegations had been



Kosher welcome for Mitterrand

President Minterrand attending a traditional Jewish ceremony of welcome with bread, salt and wine in Jerusalem yesterday. On his right, President Navon toasts Mme Mitterrand; Mr Teddy Kollek, Mayor of Jerusalem, is on the French President's left. In a speech to the Knesset M Mitterrand spoke of the fundamental right of all people to exist, and went on to give his un-

equivocal support for the eventual right of the Palestinians to seek an independent state. Their right to self-determination should depend on their respecting the rights of others and respecting international law, and substituting a dialogue for violence, Israeli ministers were well prepared for the French leader's stand, but it gained significance by being made in a speech broadcast live by radio and

television abroughout the country The general reaction among politicians after the speech was that M Mitterrand had not sabotaged the overall political and psychological benefits of his visit, which continued to be conducted in an atmosphere of mutual goodwill. Earlier, he had spoken with emotion about his feeling for the Jewish people.

Knesset clash, page 7

In the past he has stood in

Speculation has been fed by

enermous authority within the Soviet Communist Party, and

he was the principal piller on which Mr Brezhnev's own

authority rested. His death leaves no obvious successor.

Mr Brezhnev's own authority

is still absolute within the Soviet Union and there is no

question that any individual or

group is in a position to mount a challenge to bian. However, he is now 75 and Russians

expect him to remain in power until his death.

ness or absence.

Thorpe quits after **Amnesty protests**

By Michael Horsnell

Mr Jeremy Thorpe, the former Liberal leader, resigned as the director of Amnesty International's British section yesterday in the face of an overwhelming campaign to oust him from the £14,000-a-year job.

His resignation, six days before he was due to start work will prevent a major split in the movement, although 25 members have already quit in protest at his appointment. Mr Thorpe's withdrawal follows a meeting on Wednesday with M Roget Briottet, chair-man of the section, who con-tioned to support him.

In an exchange of letters yesterday Mr Thorpe told him:
"What continues to astound me is that people who claim to believe in human rights and trial liberties should display so much peniness and prejudice".

In reply, M Briottet said : " I remain convinced that had you comminted in your post you and I would have worked in harmony for the benefit of Amnesty International .

Mr Thorpe, aged 52, was appointed three weeks ago from 42 candidates. But after growing resentment among Amnesty's 19,000 British members and 11 strong staff a move was made to cust him.

He survived this by 11 votes to 9 et a meeting of the council on Saturday. But the council egreed to sound out

opinion to determine the extent of the opposition. Mr David Astor, former editor of The Observer and co-

founder of Amuesty, who was one of the leaders of the movement to oust Mr Thorpe, said he was delighted at the resignation.

resignation.

He said: "I am not altogether surprised because I had
beard that he was thinking of
doing this. I think he has done the right thing. They should never have offered him the job in the first place. Mr William Makin, secre-tary of the February, 1982

Action Committee, which was formed last Saturday to reverse the appointment, said: "Our interest is in the ability of Amnesty to work for prisoners of conscience, and it is because of that we offered the There's the margifiliar of Mr Thorpe the possibility of resigning so he would not involve our sacred people, the prisoners."

Mr Thorpe said last night:
"I am not complaining about
what has happened. If you go
into public life you accept this
sort of thing. I think I could
have done the job."

Amnesty said it remained uncertain whether the council would re-advertise the post or approach people on the original short list of four. Mr Thorpe's appointment came after the dismissal of Mr Cosmas Desmond after internal prayrels.

Thorpe letter, page 2 By Our Crime Reporter **Baldwin must wait**

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor prime minister, will have to wait at least until another generation leads the Labour Party, before the House of Commons will honour him with

a statue.

Although two Labour Prime Ministers, Sir Harold Wilson and Mr James Callaghan, have so far forgiven him for his share in the mistakes of the Thirties, Labour's present leader, Mr Michael Foot, cannot. The move to commemorate Raldwin with a statue in the Baldwin with a statue in the Members' lobby, was begun by the Conservative MP for 1926.

Stanley Baldwin, three times Aldershot, Mr Julian Critchley, who since December has collected 103 signatures in support. But only three were Labour. Sir Harold and Mr Callaghan were ioined by Mr Edward Heath, each of whom has an interest in seeing former prime ministers prop-

erly honoured. Yesterday Mr Critchley went with some misgiving to enlist Mr Foot's support and sympathy, but was rejected. The Labour Party had not forgiven Baldwin, Mr Foot said, for breaking the general strike of

chest.

Police shoot man

Police shot and wounded

The injured man was hit in the face by a bullet from a police revolver, after officers were challenged by two men with sawn-off shotguns. Another man who took the cash bag at gunpoint escaped in a waiting car which was found abandoned behind the Tesco supermarket in Fore Street, Edmonton.

over a railway bridge, still clutching the bag, which con-tained £12,000 collected from

Kremlin rift fuelled by new absence

From Michael Binyon, Moscow, March 4 Speculation that a rift has senior party secretary in the opened up between Mr Andrei 13-man ruling body and is now Kirilenko, a senior Polithuro the only one who was already 13-man ruling body and is now the only one who was already a member before Mr Brezhnev member, and his colleagues was fuelled today by his not-able absence last night from the performance of a play attended by President Brezhbecame General Secretary in

to represent the party for the Soviet leader during his illnev and most other senior members of the Polisburo, The Soviet leader went to a performance at the Moscow Arts Theatre of a new play called Thus We Will Be Vic-torious which deals with the unconfirmed rumous circulating in Moscow in recent weeks that a "pre-succession" the Polithuro as its members jockey for position after the death of Mr Suslov.

Mr Suslov, the vereran ideologue, was a man of final year of Lenin's life and

has been highly praised by critics. A Tass announcement of his visit listed six Politburo members who accompanied him: Mr Andrei. Gromyko, Mr Yuri Andropov, Mr Arvid Pelshe, Mr Nikolai Tikhonov, Mr Dmitry Ustinov and Mr Konstantin Chernyenko. Two other members, Mr Viktor Grishin and Mr Mikhail Gorbachov saw the play a few days ago. That means that of the 10 members of the Politburo who are based in Moscow all but visit listed six Politburo mem-

are based in Moscow all but Mr Kirilenko are known to have attended. After Mr Suslov's death Mr Kirileuko, who is 75, is the

Detective is shot dead by raiders

A young detective was shot dead yesterday as he chal-lenged two gunnen after a payroll robbery at a factory in Rishop Auckland, co Durham.

Det Constable James Porter, aged 28, and married, from Durham, died as he went to challenge the gunmen in a field, a few minutes after a raid on a wallpaper factory on the Greenfield Industrial Estate.

Det. Constable Brian Stewart, was slightly injured and taken to hospital. The robbery at the Chamberlain Phipps factory, happened when two men with handguns and wearing balaclavas entered the factory and fled with cash. The raiders ran off as the police were alerted. The two detectives confronted the men in a field and were fired on. Mr Porter was shot in the

As the policemen fell, the raiders seized their police car but another police car, arriving on the scene, rammed it and two men were detained. They were being questioned last night.

man after a robbery in which cash was grabbed from a Securicor guard near a supermarket in north London yesterday (the Press Association reports).

He was later seen running

Widow's" right to uphold the left

By a Staff Reporter

Lady Serota, the local gov-ernment ombudsman, has rules that a council which banned a widow from referring to her husband, Mr Michael Robinson, as a communist in a crematorium remembrance book was guilty of maladministration.

istration. Southwark Council in south London is expected to reconsider its decision and allow Mrs Robinson to write after her husband's name: "Scientist, teacher and communist, who spent his life in the struggle for a better world."

In her ruling Lady Serota said the widow was caused an injustice. "It is surely the right of all individual citizens in a free society to record their own tributes to the deceased unless these break the laws of blasphemy, obscenity, defamation or discrimination, or are likely to lead to public disorder."

The tribute to Mr Robinson, a research officer with the Medical Research Council, who died in October, 1980, was banned by the crematorium superintendent, who wrote to the widow saying that the remembrance book was for interdenominational messages of "purely sentimental or religi-ous recollection, and political leanings should not enter into the subject?

He added that he would find the rest of the epitaph very suitable if the word com-munist was deleted.

But the widow called the decision objectionable and con-sulted local clergymen and her MP, all of whom supported her

The council said the epitaph would be offensive since Britain was a Christian society and communism was a denial of religion. The crematorium superintendent consulted the three clergymen most closely involved with the crematorium and they uptield his decision.

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The Ombudsman found the council guilty of maladministration because they were told the widnew wanted to write "Communist" in the book, whereas she had insisted her husband be described as "a communist with a small which he was ".

Also, the guidelines used to back up the decision had not been evolved until after the word was banned.

that a "pre-succession" After declaring that indi-struggle might be going on in viduals had the right, within certain bounds, to record what they wished in the remem-brance book, Lady Serota con-cluded: "There was nothing to suggest the entry would create a feeling of unfairness or open the floodgates for insertions which would debase the remembrance book."

Southwark council said it had no other experience of words being barred from the

Last night the authority refused to comment on the ruling, but it is understood that a meeting of the council's highways and works committee on March 22 is likely to allow the inscription to be placed in Diary, page 12 the book.

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Gerard Tuite is captured in Drogheda

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Gerard Tuite, a fugutive
from Brixton prison's maximum security wing and wanted
by Scotland Yard on charges

Mr Tuite was being held last
night under the republic's
Offences Against the State Act.
It allows suspects to be held in by Scotland Yard on charges connected with Provisional IRA bombings, was arrested yesterday in the Irish Republic. Last night he was in custody at Drogheda, co Louth, pending possible extradition proceed-

A Garda official said Mr Tuite, who escaped from Brixton in 1980 with two other prisoners, was arrested at a house in the centre of Drogheda at 11am yesterday. Several other men were also

held by detectives. The official added that Mr.

custody for 48 hours without charge. He is not wanted by the republic's police, but he could

Law Jurisdiction Act which allows a person to be tried in one jurisdiction for offences committed in another. Last week, four Belfast men were sentenced to 10 years' penal servitude each on charges relating to an escape

be charged under the Criminal

from jail in Belfast. A British application to extradite Mr Tuite is unlikely to The official added that Mr tradite Mr Tuite is unlikely to be successful, however, be police hunt in London after this escape, was being held pending extradicion proceedings. Last night however, Scotland Yard said it could not comment yet on what it would the tried in the republic to be political can be expended; Irish courts have generally refused such requests. It is possible that he could be tried in the republic could be tried in the republic



of prison. on a charge of being a mem-

ber of the IRA. Mr Tuice was arrested in London in 1979 at a flat in west London during a police operation, "Operation Otis". He was charged with bombings Thompson, the the previous year in central London and at Greenwich gas-

works, and at a Canvey Island oil terminal early in 1979. He was also charged with taking part in a plot to free Brian Keenan, at one time a senior IRA organizer who controlled the group finally trapped during the Balcombe Street siege in north-west London in 1976. The plan was to use a helicopter to lift Keensn from Brixton. In December 1980, it was Mr Tuite who escaped. With two other prisoners, using homemade and smuggled tools, he tunnelled between cells in the

over the prison's perimeter wall to freedom. One of the other prisoners gave himself up soon efter-wards but the third, Mr James Moody, who was awaiting trial on an armed robbery charge, is still free. Mr Moody's brother, Richard, and Stanley second prisoner, were convicted for their parts in the escape.

prison's maximum security wing out of the building, and

citish Reil: will get no help com the Government to meet the cost of the Aslef strike, estimated to be about £75m so far, Mr David Howell, Secretary of State for Transport, said yesterday (Michael Bally writes). It would be "quite wrong" for the cost of the strike to be met by the taxpayer, he declared.

He is authorizing a rise in

He is authorizing a rise in BR's short-term borrowing limits of £40m to £150m but that will have to be repaid. Any overspending in the board's external financing will also have to be reclaimed by an adjustment next year. That means that both investment and operating costs will be affected, with extra job losses, cuts in services' and delays in investment. BR said last night: "This confirms what we have been saying all along: that no one else is going to foot the bill for the Aslef strike."

Keegan 'freed' for World Cup

Mr Kevin Keegan, the Eng-land football captain, will not have to appear in court during the World Cup, Mr Justice Michael Davies ruled in the High Court yesterday. He delayed until October the start of the action in which Mr Keegan is suing Public Eye Enterprises of Leeds for missurpresentation and said he had representation, and said he had been made to look "a complete and utter idiot" last week because he had been given the wrong date for the World Cup final.

Tobacco pact attacked

Labour MPs tabled a Com-mons motion last night attacking the new agreement on the sponsorship of sports events by tobacco companies.

Mr David Ennais, a former Labour Secretary of State for Social Services, said: "The majority of people would now welcome banning all advertising of tobacco except at the point of sale."

A Thatcher at LBC



Miss Carol Thatcher, the Prime Minister's daughter, at the microphone. She is to join 1.7 the January Commercial current affairs phone-in programme ure-senter, and she expects later to have her own late night

Utter rejected

Union leaders of 90,000 power station workers rejected an Electricity Council pay offer of just under 8 per cent yester-day and gave a warning of possible industrial action unless a higher offer was made.

Hesketh fails test

Lord Hesketh, who launched a 1,000 cc motor cycle earlier this year, failed his driving test in Northampton yesterday on a 250 cc Suzuki. He was failed for bad gear changes and riding too slowly.

Correction

Burke's Peerage (Geneological Books Limited), not Burke's Peerage as,stated in our report on March: 2, was sold to Baron Frederick Van Pallandt in January, 1980.

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TGWU will not ask members in leadership vote

Workers' Union decided yester-day to avoid an embarrassing repetition of last year's con-troversial "consultation exer-cise" on the Benn-Healey Labour Party deputy leadership election by the simple ex-pedient of not consulting the

members.

The 37 members of the union's lay executive examined various options designed to various opions designed to extend political decision-making to the branches and the shop floor, but came down in favour of preserving the

The decision leaves in the hands of a left-wing-dominated executive the most influential say on how the union's 1,250,000 votes should be cast at the Labour Party conference when it sits as an electoral college to choose a leader and

when it sits as an electoral college to choose a leader and deputy leader.

Last year there was much political controversy after the TGWU delegation to the conference in Brighton cast the biggest block vote for Mr Wedgwood Bean, despite a regional "consultation exercise" that appeared to show a majority for his moderate rival, Mr Denis Healey, who then scrayed home by a majority of under 1 per cent. After much pressure from trade union leaders and some of his political allies Mr Benn is not expected to renew his challenge to Mr Healey in the autumn. But if he does, or if another strong left-wing candidate appears, there will not be another attempt to hold a branch vote in the transport union on the merits of the candidates. union on candidates.

The new leader of Britain's largest Civil Service union yesterday set in train a purge of Militant Tendency supporters after alleging they had achieved "frightening power" in many branches.

Mr Alastair Graham, general secretary designate of the Civil and Public Services Association, opened his campaign against the extreme left with a letter to members in the oppo-

The Transport and General sition's strongbold, the 8,000-Workers' Union decided yester-day to avoid an embarrassing and Social Security branch in Newcastle upon Tyne.

In it he said: "At a time when members are facing a sustained onslaught from this Government on their pay, con-ditions of service and jobs, we need to keep a powerful, healthy and democratic union. I ask for your support to ensure we reject the ideological fantasies of extremists."

tantastes of extremists."

The first target of the CPSA moderate leadership campaign is Mr John Macreadie, a national officer responsible for civit aviation staff (including air traffic control assistants), who is standing for the post of deputy general secretary.

Mr Graham tells his mem-bers: "I am asking you not to vote for John Macreadie in the deputy general secretaryship election. He was the "broad left" candidate for the general secretary post and was soundly defeated. But if there is a low poll in this election he could still he a serious threat."

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He adds: "There is nothing broad about the leftwing in the CPSA. It is totally dominated by the Militant Tendency, as they 'bus in' their supporters to the unofficial 'broad left' conferences which decide who will stand as leftwing candidates. They have become so dominant in many branches that active union members of all political persuasions have all political persuasions have become frightened of their power."

Mr Graham, who beat Mr Macreadie almost two to one in

a recent election for the union's top job, goes on: "I want to have a constructive working relationship with a deputy general secretary, rather than indulge in political bickering which achieves nothing for the

Mr Macreadie countered last night: "This is a typical smear campaign. It seems he wants to have a pupper as a deputy.

Notice he never talks about policies, only about personalities."

European Tories to fight party list plan

The European Democratic (Conservative) group of MEPs decided in London yesterday to oppose the plan for the next elections to the European Parliament in 1984 to be conducted on the party list system of proportional representation.

The parliament in Stras-bourg is under an obligation to put forward a uniform system of voting to be adopted in all 10 countries of the EEC. It would need the approval of the Council of Ministers and legislation in the national parlia-

Next week the plan for a party list system, put forward by the political affairs committee, comes up for debate and vote in Strasbourg. The Conservatives, consisting of 60 British members, two Danes, and one Official Ulster Unionist, will seek to change the method of election to the additional member system (AMS).

Explaining the tactics, Sir Henry Plumb, leader of the group, said that under AMS three-quarters of the MEPs from each country would be elected in single-member constituencies and the rest would be chosen from a list, so that representation matched the proportion of votes cast for

each party. Asked whether Mrs Mar-Asked whether Mrs Margaret Thatcher and the Government approved of the group's action, Sir Henry said: "We all know that the British Government and the House of Commons as a whole do not want to change from the first batthe nost a vector." But I past-the-post system. But I think the Government would regard AMS as the least ob-

jectionable form of proportional representation. Also, we believe it is the only system which could get through the Council of Ministers."

Mr Adam Fergusson, Con-servative European MP for Strathclyde, West, a spokesman for the group on electoral re-form, said the AMS system had been favoured by the Stras-bourg political effairs committee until last October, when the decision was eltered, largely because of political group manoeuvrings before the elections for the presidency and other official positions

Foot will oppose reselection switches

☐ Mr Michael Foot is to support an attempt to bar Labou members of the European Parliament from trying to wrest Westminster constituency candidatures from sitting Labour MPs (Our Political Correspondent writes). He is expected to raise the issue at next Mon-day's meeting of the Labour national executive's organiza-

tion committee.
Mr Frederick Mulley, aged
63, the former Secretary of State for Defence, was replaced as orospective parliamentary candidate for Sheffield Park, by Mr Richard Caborn, aged 38, Sheffield's left-wing MEP, who had contested the reselection in defiance of national execu-

Mr Mulley told the weekly meeting of the Parliamentary Labour Party last night that he would not be lodging any procedural appeal against his reference.

By Henry Stanhope Defence Correspondent

The Army spent much of

yesterday dealing with hund-reds of inquiries from people auxious to join Britiain's new

Home Guard when it re-

From farm and lane and mill

they came to district head-

quarters, TA centres, recruit-

my of Defence, only to be asked to bide their time until September 1, when four pilot companies will be formed at Perth, Birmingham, Bury St.

Edmunds, and one for the South-east at Reading, Portsmouth, and Maidenhead.

mouth, and Maidenhead.

The Army was happy with the public reaction, even with the inevitable sobriquet "Dad's Army", which it interprets as an affectionate reminder of people who in the last war had at least an important bit part to play.

The companies, each of which will have about 95 mem-

bers, will be operated for be-tween eighteen months and

two years before any decision is taken over creating a national organization of 4,500.

The cost of the pilot scheme was said yesterday to be "less

Senior officers were eager to emphasize, however, that the

resemblance of tomorrow's Home Service Force (HSF) to

yesterday's Home Guard is only skin deep. The new force would be smaller and more

specialized, with the prime ob-

ective of freeing the regular

and other reserve forces for

than £500,000 ".

emerges in the autumn.



Record pirates to pay £250,000

in damages for unpaid royalties in damages for unpaid royalties records sent from their nonon millions of records alleged to have been imported into this country illegally, undercutting their British-made counterparts (Christopher Warman writes). The out-of-court settlement comes after a series of High Wonder, Diana Ross and the Counterparts (Counterparts of the counterparts over albums, featuring Stevie Counterparts over albums, featuring Stevies over albums, featuri The out-of-court settlement comes after a series of High Court actions against Simous Records, Simon Sales Stores and Warrens Records. It is the BFI's biggest success in its campaign to stop what has be-come known as "parallel im-ports" entering Britain.

Commodores, imported from Portugal. The BPI tried to show that these albums were counterfeit, but the defendants maintained that they were genuine, and the conference in second and the settlement in respect of these records was made with-

Since the health service

not to hire solicitors but to

However, those lawyers see

themselves as answerable to the regional administrator and

not to the district adminis-

not exceptionally long.

less than two years.

The defendants also gave out any admission of liability, undertakings not to import During the action it was records sent from their non-established that Simons Records, one of the country's largest wholesale record importers, had brought about 2,500,000 parallel imports into Britain from Portugal by last

The other main action concerned the importation from Canada via Holland of albums on the Chrysalis, CBS and BBC labels by artists including Blondie Abba and the Not the Nine O'Clock News team.

Health service defends record on complaints

By Annabel Ferriman, Health Services Correspondent

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istrators.

Health service administra- regional legal advisers, who are tors denied yesterday that the farther away and several tiers up the hierarchy. handling of the case of Mrs Carol Brown, who was paralysed by a pain-killing reorganization in 1974, area injection given during labour, authorities and district managewas in any way typical of the health service as a whole.

The near least service and district management teams are under pressure health service as a whole. use the legal staff of the

Mr David Kenny, president of the Institute of Health Service Administrators, said the service had laid down clear guidelines on handling com-plaints and had a better record than most nationalized industries or hospitals in West

The guidelines lay down that ill letters of complaint should be immediately acknowledged, and if no satisfactory explana-tion can be provided within two weeks a letter explaining the delay should be sent. All letters of complaint have its discourtesy, the length of

to be logged and most auth- time the case took before orities have a system of settlement was reached was monitoring them. So what went wrong in the case of Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth Area Health Authority, which had to pay record damages of £414,563 to Mrs Brown and was criticized by a High Court judge for its "scandalous" handling of the

Mr Peter Foot, area administrator, thinks the crux of the case rests on the relationship between the district administrator, who is close to the ground and to whom all com-plaints are made, and the

Volunteers queue to join Home Guard

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time. Ex-Servicemen are preferred.

but particularly required will be men in their thirties and

forties who have had to leave the Territorial Army through lack of time and family com-mitments but would still like to be involved in something

The four or five weekends

The four or five weekends of training each year are likely to involve map-reading, weapons practice, basic field-craft and intelligence briefings on "the threat", as well as experience at the key points they would have to protect in wartime.

The weapons with which the pilot units will be issued will

pilot units will be issued will almost certainly be old bolt-

less demanding.

Major-General Derek Boorman, the Army's Director of

Military Operations, who is responsible for the new force.

more mobile operations in war-time. type familiar to those who Ex-Servicemen are preferred, served in the last war or did

National Service,

Mattonal Service.

Mr Wedgwood Benn yesterday intensified his campaign for the implementation of Labour Party conference defence policy by presenting in the Commons a Bill that would lead to the removal of American nuclear bases from Britain (Philip Webster writes).

The Bill would make it up.

The Bill would make it un-lawful for nuclear, chemical or

biological weapons or bases established to maintain, store, target or fire such weapons owned or controlled, or jointly

controlled, by a foreign country to be sited in the United

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charge by

Thorpe's letter of resignation from Annesty to Mr Roget Briottet, British section chairman, was as follows :

trator, who has to handle com-plaints. Consequently in this case, as the solicitor told the inquiry set up to look into it, there was little communication between the legal adviser and the district and area admin-Mr Foot added that although the authority was criticized for The inquiry team looked at 11 comparable cases and found

the average settlement period was about four years, two months. Mrs Brown's case took Mr William Darling, chair-man of the National Association of Health Authorities, said all complaints should be dealt with as quickly as possible. "Where the blame is quite clear the authority should bend over backwards to be sympathetic and as humane

rights.

Lastly, I wish to thank you for your encouragement and support. I remain convinced that had you continued in your post you and I would have worked in harmony for the benefit of Amnesty International.

'Pettiness' Thorpe

weeks later, the same council, by a margin of two votes, decided not to rescind my appointment, but agreed to sound out opinion in the country to determine the

bling in the British section.

But two other considerations weigh with me. Firstly, the atmosphere of strife in recent years has weakened the morale of the movement, and further conflict would inflict further damage. Secondly, the attitude of some of the observers at last Saturday's meetings makes it clear to me that however large the backing for my appointment. the backing for my appointment by the membership, there would still remain a minority who, on past form, would continue to try to undermine the director's posi-

This could prove fatal to the British section and unhelpful to the international movement. Hav-ing worked for both, I would be ing worked for both, I would be the last person who would wish this to happen. What continues to astound me is that people who claim to believe in human rights and civil libertles should display so much pettiness and prejudice. I have therefore decided that it is in the best interests of Amaesty that I withdraw as director. In doing so, I want to make clear that my support for the clear that my support for the aims of Amnesty remains undi-minished.

Finally, may I pay tribute to your courage, courtesy, support and sense of fair play throughout this sorry affair. I wish you well in giving leadership to the British section, which they so badly need. Yours ever, Jeremy.

Yours ever, Jeremy.

Mr Briotter replied in a letter to Mr Thorpe:
Dear Jeremy, I thank you for your letter informing me of your intention to withdraw as director of the British section. This is a decision which, naturally I regret. As you point out, you were appointed by the council by a large majority, and a recent attempt to reverse this original decision was unsuccessful.

Therefore, in the circumstances, I regard your decision to withdraw as being inspired by your high regard for the aims of Amnesty International, an organization which you know well, and have served in the past.

I am convinced that the membership of the British section will

I am convinced that the mem-bership of the British section will appreciate at its high value, the decision which you have taken in the interests of a movement devoted to the defence of human rights.

Yours sincerely, Roget.

.The text of Mr Jeremy

Dear Roget. Three weeks ago the Council of Amnesty by a large majority invited me from a field of 42 applicants to become direc-tor of the British section. Having tor of the British section. Having long been a committed believer in the aims of Amnesty, my acceptance was whole-hearted, and was still further strengthened by the size of my postbag-in-support. I believe we both looked forward with shared enthusiasm to warking theselections are the nown. to working together for the move-

but agreed to sound out opinion in the country to determine the extent of the opposition to that appointment. I welcomed this latter decision since I share your belief that the most vociferous critics in Amnesty are rotally unrepresentative of the rank-and-file members, who are by now weary of past and present squabling in the British section.

Thousands of teachers to go by 1985

By Diana Geddes **Education Correspondent**

Government spending plans to be published in a White Paper on Tuesday call for a reduction of 38,000 full-time teachers' jobs in England by 1984-85, representing a 9 per cent cut, while pupil numbers are due to fall by only 8 per cent over the same period.

cent over the same period.

The average pupil-teacher ratio for primary and secondary schools will thus rise from 18.56: 1 last January to 18.74: 1 in January, 1985. Yet it is generally agreed that the number of teachers needs to fall rather less fast than the number of pupils if school standards are to be maintained. The Government intends to

The Government intends to maintain the planned cuts up to 1983-84 for universities and higher education, but proposes to make no further cuts in 1984-85. The White Paper will not make that clear, however, as the higher education expenditure figures have been lumped together with those for non-advanced further education.

Comparisons of spending levels between years for any service will be more difficult than in the past because all the figures in the White Paper will be in cash terms, including an allowance for assumed level of inflation, rather than in real erms as in the past.

The Government has estimated that the level of inflation next year will be 4 per cent for pay and 9 per cent for prices, or 6 fer cent overall, going down to 5 per cent in 1983-84 and 4 per cent the next year.

Schoolmasters plan industrial action

The executive of Britain's second largest teachers' union is expected to approve today industrial action for its 124,000 members which will affect rhousands of school from next Thursday (the Press Association teachers)

The Nexional Association of Schoolmasters / Union of Women Teachers executive will consider a resolution to with-draw completely from middey meals and school supervision and staff and parents meetings outside school bours.

On Wednesday pay talks broke down. They affect 450,000 reachers in England and Wales. The management side refused to improve its 3.4 per cent offer in response to the union claim for a 22-12 per cent rise. It also rejected the teachers call for arbitration.

teachers call for arbitration.

The NAS/UWT move was decided at a union action committee meeting in Birmingham yesterday. Mr Terence Casey, the general secretary has given local education authorities 48 hours notice so that they can make arrangements for lunchtime suspension.

Science report

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The giant salamander that cries like a baby

By Tony Samstag

Only rarely do primary reports on natural history and conservation in China appear in the West. An article on a species of giant salamander in the current issue of Oryx, the journal of the Fauna and Flora Preservation Society, describes the largest known amphibian. It can grow to 180cm in length and weigh up to 65kg, about the size 180cm in length and weigh up to 65kg, about the size and weight of a policeman, and yet is called "baby fish" by the Chinese because

its Cry resembles that of an infant.

"The amphibians flour-ished when the Earth consisted of a single continent, Pangaea, about 200 million years ago". Huang Zhujian writes. "At that time Cryptobranchid salamanders were more widely distributed. nore widely distributed . . . When Pangaea splir apart into plates, these drifted further and further from one another and became separ-ated by oceans. With ated by oceans. With changes in geography and

changes in geography and climatic conditions, many Cryptobranchid species, like other animals, were eliminated through natural selection, leaving only two in east Asia and one in the eastern United States."

Megabobarnachus davidianus is the most widely distributed, occurring in the tributaries of the Yangtse, Yellow and Pearl rivers across 17 provinces and regions.

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"These salamanders are usually solitary, living in fast clear mountain streams, 200 to 1,000 metres above sea level. . . The adults are lazy and inactive, but temperamental, snapping at each other during the night." The author quotes a Sichuan proother during the night." The author quotes a Sichuan proverb: "The baby fish sits on shore, and delights in eating what comes his way." That includes crabs and frogs, mainly, supplemented by fish, shrimp, snakes, aquatic insects, young turiles, water rats and plant residue. The young are herbivorous until they are about two years old. Adukts can survive without Aduks can survive without food for a year. The flesh is delicious and nourishing and also has medicinal

Although the species is nominally protected in China, the author recommends stricter legal safe-guards on breeding populations and encouragement of grammes.

grammes.

Source: The Chinese Salamander (Husing Zhujian, Department of Vertebrate Taxonomy, Institute of Zoology, Adcadema Sinica. Zhong Guan Cun, Beijing). Oryx (vol xvi no 3), Faina and Flora Preservation Society, c/o Zoological Society of London, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RY.

One 'Times' union puts off decision on jobs

By Our Labour Staff

Leaders of the National asked of them had been re-Graphical and Media Personnel decided, yesterday to defer approval of any job reduction agreements between local union officials and Times Newspapers until there is a clearer picture of negotiations throughout the

company. The union's executive disussed the London machine branch committee's refusal to back an understanding reached with the company by the night machine chapel (office branch) at The Sunday Times for a reduction of 168 shifts. No decision was made, but the understanding is likely to be approved eventually, despite the branch's opposition.

Talks with officials of the Natsopa cierical chapels, where 210 employees have been sent compulsory redundancy notices, continued but the management maintained its refusal to con-firm chapel claims that the overall total job cuts being

The management also refused to say how many clerical work-

ers have volunteered for redundancy. The company had said that if sufficient numbers came forward by last Wednesday, the compulsory notices would be lifted.

The National Graphical Association, the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades and the National Union of Journalists were also involved in negotiations yesterday. Some progress was said by the management to have been made with the first two unions.

Mr Noel Howell, Fleet Street officer for the NUJ, said the union had no clear idea what the company's intentions were toward the journalists. The company originally said that it wanted 35 volunteers for re-dundancy among the editorial staff.

Mr Rupert Murdoch, TNL chairman, is expected back in London this morning after a short visit to New York.

PLEDGE BY **THATCHER QUERIED**

By Pat Healy, Social

A pledge by the Prime Minister to protect pensioners against inflation is threatened by the proposed new formula for raising supplementary benefits, Mr Jeffrey Rooker MP for Birmingham, Perry Barr, and Labour spokesman on special executive rolls and special executive rolls. social security, told the Com-mons yesterday.

During business questions he urged Mr Francis Pym, Leader of the House, to take steps to ensure that there is no confusion about the issue after

confusion about the issue after next week's Budget.

Mr Rooker raised the same point in more detail yesterday during the final sitting of the Commons Standing Committee on the Social Security and Housing Benefits Bill.

It was during the committee's session on Tuesday that Medical Security and Medical Security and Medical Security and Medical Security and Medical Security that Medical Security that Medical Security that Medical Security that Medical Security session on Tuesday that Mr Hugh Rossi, Minister for Social Security, announced the new formula which would exolude torinina withou would exceed to housing costs from the retail price index and is expected to lead to lower increases in supplementary benefit in Novem-

Mr Rooker quoted several ministerial statements, includ-ing one from Mr Rossi, which all specified supplementary pensions as one of the benefits covered by the Prime Ministers' pledge to protect long-term

benefits from inflation.

MARRIAGE ENABLING BILLS READ

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent

Two personal Bills were given a second reading in the Lords yesterday enabling marriages to take place of couples related by marriage but not by blood. The decision of the Arch-

bishop of Canterbury Dr Runcie, to set up a committee to advise him on these matters and seek an alternative to the personal Bill procedure was warmly welcomed. The two Bills before the

House represent the third occasion in the past three years on which personal legislation has been introduced to resolve marital difficulties. The first of yesterday's mar-riage enabling Bills would allow Mr John Dare, aged 66, to marry his stepdanghter, Gillian Loder Dare, aged 49

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Traffic restricted on corroding Severn Bridge

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By John Young

officials of the Royal Society credit them. for the Prevention of Cruelty Mr Hopkins, who lives in a to Animals (RSPCA) who house rented from the sowere summarily dismissed on ciety, said he had not yet Wednesday yesterday com- decided whether to claim plained of intrigue and ex- wrongful dismissal at an cessive secrecy in the society's council.

Mr Julian Hopkins, the £22,000 a year executive director, said the dismissal letter had come as a bomb-shell. Mr James Clyde, the

shell. Mr James Clyde, the financial controller, who earned £18,000, said he was still in a state of shock.

Mr Harry Gape, the society's inspectorate controller, the third official, was not available for comment.

Mr Hopkins said it appeared that Mr Anelay Hart, the society's chairman, and Mrs Rachel Smith, its treasurer, who recently held an investigation into staff completions of plaints of extravagance, had been looking for scapegoats.

its findings. It was the job of paid officials to implement the society's policies, but a number of radical members of the council had for some

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tened".

A petition calling for a ban

on the importation of seal-skins was delivered to the

Two of the three senior time been seeking to dis- found a padlock on his office Mr Hopkins, who lives in a

industrial tribunal. He had a right to be told the reasons for his dismissal within a formight, after which he would take legal advice.

Mr Clyde said that the notices were handed to Mr Hopkins and himself at about Hopkins and himself at about
4.30pm on Wednesday after a
six-hour meeting of the
council. Mr Gape was informed orally at the same
time that he was redundant.

Mr Clyde said: "The letter
informing me that my coninforming me that my conand had been be seen as another the besen as another the long struggle for power."
within the world's oldest and most famous animal welfare
organization.

The basic disagreement, though there are endless ramifications, is between the conservative establishment.

informing me that my contract was at an end had been typed the day before. I was told I must not come back to the building. When I asked the chairman for the reason he said the council had no confidence in me.

been looking for scapegoats.

Neither he nor his colleagues had been allowed to see their report or to challenge its findings. It was the job of paid officials to implement the society's policies, but a number of radical members of the council had for some confidence in me.

'We are three fairly strong, outspoken people, and we have quite clearly been undermined. I am afraid it is a sign of what the council has been doing for a long time now, making decisions in a vacuum."

Mr Clude said that he had shooting.

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The subject of animal such as Mr Hopkins, who are decisions in a vacuum."

We are three fairly welfare is becoming increasingly political, and people it is a sign of what the council has been doing for a long time now, making of trying to influence the society's policies.

door yesterday morning, and a man outside Mr Hopkins's office with instructions to prevent even his secretary from entering.

society yesterday make no official would comment. However, it was suggested that the investigation by Mr Hart and Mrs. Smith was response to low morale among staff.

conservative establishment, referred to derisively as "the cat and dog brigade", and those who want to see the society take a less equivocal attitude on such matters as hunting and shooting.

Europe ban on seal cull sought

By Tony Samstag

Opposition to the annual up the Northwest Atlantic Canadian seal hunt, a ritual as regular as the hunt itself, reached a crescendo yester-"These seals have travelled thousands of miles from the Artic to reach their breeding grounds. The pupping has begun and the females are congregating on the whelping patches with their white-coated pups beside them."

About 200,000 harp and hooded seals are to be taken in this year's hunt, due to begin in the next few days. For the first time the conservationist lobby is represented in what traditionally had been seen as an animal day with the announcement by Mr Stanley Johnson, Conservative MEP for East Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, that he and a dozen colleagues are to ask the European Parliament next Thursday to ban "products coming from seals whose

Prime Minister by animal welfare issue.

Welfare campaigners, led by Mr Terence Duffy, president of the Amalgamated Union of the Amalgamated Union of the Mich they lose several which they lose several weeks after birth. The tra-Engineering Workers. The weeks after birth. The tra-petition, it was claimed, ditional culling method of represented 12 million trade clubbing them to death in

arrival of thousands of harp they are skinned. seals which, together with seals in the 'front ice' off the Newfoundland coast, make Sydney Holt, chairman of the

☐ The 63-member group of European Democratic (Conservative) MPs decided in London yesterday to have a free vote when the European Parliament next week votes on a proposal that all EEC countries should ban imports of harp and hooded seal products (George Clark

Sir Henry Plumb, leader of the group, said: We have received hundreds of letters our members."

is asking members of the

The 16-year-old Severn have already been replaced, Bridge, which carries 11 show that "the remaining million vehicles a year, is strengths may not now give being restricted to a single an acceptable margin of lane in each direction at peak safety if a significant length

lane in each direction at peak times because corrosion to of the bridge were to be its "hangers" means it no longer meets safety requirements (Craig Seton writes).

Marine Mammals Committee of the International Usion for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, is that data are lacking on whether the seal populations concerned are stable. That view is shared by such organizations as the World Wildlife Fund (the public relations agency of IUCN) and by the government.

The bangers are made up of 178 galvanized steel wires with tensile strength of 225 tons, which normally would need replacing after 20 or 30 tons Defence Secretary spares warships after visit

The Royal Navy's amphibitous assault ships, HMS by the design and performance of HMS Fearless when due to be scrapped after last year's defence review, have result that he had a change won a reprieve. Mr John Nott, Secretary of State for Defence, is expected to announce the move on Monday.

It was disclosed last month that Mr Nott had called for smaller destroyers and by no

smaller destroyers and by no means all are convinced by that order of priorities. used in wartime to transport carrier which is being sold to use roll-on, roll-off ferries

By Henry Stanhope, Defence Correspondent Royal Marines and their heavy equipment across the North Sea and the Marines will be delighted to hear that they have been saved.

However, the Fearless is already 17 years old and the Intrepid 15 years, and with no keels laid to replace them the future for such vessels must be short. The Navy would have preferred to use any spare cash to save the battle on their assault craft.

The assault ships would be invincible, the £175m aircraft. The alternative is for them to

Australia, amid controversy in both hemispheres. The Intrepid has already been paid off and is now awaiting disposal, while the Fearless, now being used as a training ship for Dartmouth cadets, is scheduled to leave the fleet next year. Both ships bave a built-in dock below decks, from which the Marines would float into

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to be buric Plants treated with radioactive calcium to try to solve
a disorder which "browns"
the centre of brussels
sprouts are to be buried 6ft
deep by the National Vegetable Research Station, at
Wellesbourne, near Stratford-upon-Avon (Arthur
Osman writes).
Professor John Bleasdale,

Osman writes).

Professor John Bleasdale, of the research station, said yesterday that experiments in glasshouses over the past three years involved only 50 plants. Because radioactive material of a low order was involved, regulations required permission to dispose of it. The local council had given authority to bury the given authority to bury the

plants.

The disorder was due to a shortage of calcium and a cure would be particularly important to the freezer

Conspiracy trial jury go home

The jury in the conspiracy trial at Manchester Crown Court involving Julie Good-year, the television actress, were sent home at lunchtime yesterday when the judge began to hear legal arguments. Mr Harold Singer, on behalf of the Coronation Street actress, began his submission to Judge Basil Gerrard at the end of the

prosecution case. Miss Goodyear, aged 39, of Rochdale Road East, Hey-wood, Manchester, her forwood, Manchester, her for-mer secretary, Janet Ross, aged 28, of Berwick Road, Blackpool, and Victoria Montague, aged 24, of Glou-cester Street, Atherton, Lancashire, all deny a charge of conspiracy to defraud.

Court rebuff for Plessey

Three senior judges at the Court of Session in Edinburgh yesterday refused to hear an appeal by Plessey, the electronics company, until written answers to claims had been lodged with the court on behalf of workers staging a sit-in at the Bathgate factory, in Lothian.

Lord Cameron, sitting with Lord Ayonside and Lord

Lord Avonside and Lord Stott, gave the workers 14 days to lodge answers.

Operation for MP Mr Stephen Ross, aged 55, Liberal MP for the Isle of Wight, is to undergo heart

herd.
These seals have travelled

had been seen as an animal

unionists.

Mr Johnson, who returned yesterday from a fact-finding trip to the Magdalen Islands, in the Gulf of St Lawrence, said: "I have been able to witness on the ice fines the

on this emotional subject. The lobbying is enormous. But we decided to leave it to the individual conscience of The Canadian Government

rejectthe proposal.

that Mr Nort had called for

an assessment of how much it would cost to keep both 12,000-ton vessels afloat. The Defence Secretary is under-

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Hillhead by-election

A winner for the SNP — but not yet

From Jonathan Wills,
Glasgow
The saitire flies proudly
above the Scottish National
Party's tiny, shabby shop
front office in Dumbarton
Road, Inside, the volunteers
fall over each other in their

eagerness to help.

By unfortunate coincidence the blue flag with the white St Andrews cross means, in international code, 'My vessel is stopped and making no way through the water'. That may have been appropriate three years ago, when the SNP was hammered in the North and only Mr Donald Stewart and Mr Gordon Wilson survived to tell Scotland's story to the

Not any more; a wary optimism is creeping back among the followers of the saltire, and the memory of that patient cave dwelling spider, Robert the Bruce's companion, is being dusted

Dumbarton Road for most of its length is the sort of place where "the polis" go around in pairs. It is clearly a place where Mr George Leslie



local boy made good

Dumbarton Road for most of its length is the sort of place where "the polis" go around in pairs. It is clearly a place where Mr George Leslie feels very much at home. The SNP's candidate in the Hill head by-election is a local boy made good who still has the common touch for the mean streets of Partick west. His veterinary practice may be in Shawlands, Hill solve more success than a first of the would Mr Leslie's politics be? Westminster one when tacking the intractable issues of unemployment, money supply bad housing and edu-

defendants now accept that their allegations amounted to

an unjustified attack on Mr

Blaker and ought never to have been published."

The defendants, compris-ing Mr Richard Ingrams, editor of *Private Eye*, the

printers, distributors and

the considerable distress and

cation cuts. "If we cannot carry Glasgow then the SNP measures will not work", says Mr Leslie, who is no stranger to political battles in this city.

The trouble is that when the going gets rough the Glaswegian working class has always turned to its tra-ditional champion, the Labour Party, rather than to the SNP. Talking to Mr Leslie, one gets the distinct impression that the Scots exasperate him more than the

and unemployment when we have so many resources that could be deployed. I get depressed at Scots saying they could not afford inde-

"I am certainly not in favour of Thatcherite monetarism, but I am not a Bennite either. What I do have is a track record in community politics. As a councillor I was advocating things like rehabilitating old tenements, upgrading branch railway lines in the city and setting up community councils, all accepted now but not when I was on Glasgow corporation."

Mr Leslie makes common cause with the Labour Party on devolution, If there is a "I get upset", he admits, an assembly after the next the Scots accepting that they should live in a country with total depression, decline and unemployment when we have the saves.

What about Mr Roy Jen-kins of the SDP? "If he had not been here I would have head's mirror image on the south side of the Clyde, but as the is an old boy of Hillhead High School it is helping his campaign, as is his cheery manner with punters and pollsters alike.

If heing a good fellow were depressed at Scots saying they could not afford independence, they would not have the leader to do it— have the leader to do it— have the leader to do it— have that kind of parish pump mentality, that lack of self-win them over as an international statesman confernational statesm

Mr Leslie's failure to work out in detail the form of government policy that his independent Scotland should have will lose him few votes in Hillhead. The polls show that he is moving up fast. George Leslie should go far in politics, but probably not quite far enough to win this time.

Private Eye damages for libelled minister

By John Witherow

Mr Peter Blaker, Minister member of his family owns of State for the Armed property in Hong Kong and Forces, obtained substantial he had not sought to obstruct damages and an apology from inquiries into the death of Private Eye yesterday for a Inspector John MacLennan. libel published in a satirical Mr Rampton said: "the magazine nearly two years

Lord Justice Russell was told in a statement read in the High Court that the magazine alleged in May, 1980, that Mr Blaker, then Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, tried to obstruct further inquiries into the death of a Hongkong police inspector.

It is also claimed that he refused to answer questions about the matter put to him in Parliament by Mr Dennis

Warning of more kennel raids despite sentences

bred for experiments said yesterday that similar raids will continue until the law on vivisection is changed.

Robert August, secretary of the Hunt Saboteurs Association, was speaking after he and seven others were given suspended prison sentences at Hereford Crown court for their part in an early morning raid on the growing number of people willing to take part in raids and they will certainly go on. "The law on vivisection has not been changed for more than a hundred years and we shall continue with our activities until it is".

August and John Hale, aged 31, a fitter, of Rednal, Birmingham, and Aubrey Thomas, aged 24, an export publishers, "offer their apologies to Mr Blaker for

embarrassment their dis-graceful allegations have caused," a joint statement

early morning raid on the Harewood Park Kennels, near Ross-on-Wye, Hereford and Worcester, last April.

The court was told that 10 of the Hunt Sabbeagle puppies, worth £1,000, each given 12-month prison were stolen from the kennels. The animals have never months and ordered to pay

One of the leaders of a raid sentence, and because I shall on a kennels where dogs are lose my job. But there is a bred for experiments said growing number of people

August and John Hale, aged 31, a fitter, of Rednal, Birmingham, and Aubrey Thomas, aged 24, an export agent, of The Brambles, West Drayton, Middlesex, who was treasurer of the Hunt Saboteurs Association were

Canavan, Labour MP for Stirlingshire, West, because the results of such an inquiry could damage his father's and family's interest in Hongkong.

Mr Richard Rampton, for the plaintiff, said the allegations were without foundation. Mr Blaker's father had died in 1965 and Private Mr Wilcox is alleging libel in had died in 1965 and Private partment.

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TELEVISION

The Government has decided in principle that Britain should make an early start with direct broadcasting by satellite (DBS) with the aim of having a service in operation in 1986, Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, said in a statement in the Commons. It has concluded that because of the importance of making this early start the best course would be to have two channels initially.

making this early start the best course would be to have two channels initially. Mr Whitelaw said: The House will recall the report of the Home Office study of DBS published last May, Reaction to that report has been largely constructive and positive. The Government now sees a need for early decisions if the industrial opportunities the industrial opportunities which DBS offers this country are to be grasped in good time, in a situation in which there will be

a situation in which there will be keen international competition. The Government has therefore decided, in principle, that this country should make an early start with DBS, with the aim of having a service in operation in 1986. Because of the importance of making this early start the Government has concluded that the best course would be a start with two channels initially; the number of channels could be increased up to the maximum of five channels permitted by international allocation, as and when demand justified it.

The services would be tran-

The services would be transmitted at powers sufficient to permit both individual reception and community reception with cable distribution. I intend to make a further announcement shortly about the future role of cable.

As regards finance, the Government expects the capital cost of providing the satellite system to be found in the private

sector. On the industrial side, various On the industrial side, various interests in the aerospace and related industries have shown that they are ready to play their part in this challenging new vanture and we shall be working closely with them and with the domestic electronics industry to ensure that the economic benefits are effectively realized for the United Kingdom.

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on the broadcasting side, it is clear that DBS must develop in a way that is consistent with our existing broadcasting arrangements, especially as regards supervision by a broadcasting authority and maintenance of proper programme standards.

Staining a

pet food

QUESTIONS

problem for

The Government would be supporting a Bill to increase penalties for trading in unfit meat. Mrs Peggy Fenner, Parliamentary Sectretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said

Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab) in the exchang-es, asked what representations have been received from the pet food industry in regard to the staining of unfit meat?

Mrs Fenner: Representatives of the pet food industry have indicated that they would not be opposed to a requirement to stain material emanating from knackers' yards and unfit carcase meat

(but not offals) emanating from

They have also commented on the type of stain which might be appropriate for this purpose.

Mr Atkinson: The House will be

delighted with that positive response from the industry. Is she aware that although dogs are colour blind and therefore unable

to distinguish between green and violet, any suggested staining proposals should take account that many pet owners could object to potting out violet or green coloured food for their pare?

Can she reassure pet owners that whatever the stain used, it

that whatever the stain used, it may be decolourized by the pet food industry?
Mrs Fenner: We are considering what stain should be prescribed and we are taking account of the views of the pet food manufacturers that they would like the stain to be one which disappears when the meat is heat treated and therefore does not give an unacceptable appearance to the pet food. But we shall certainly see the stain is immediately identifiable on raw meat.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): Has she had a chance to see

the letter from a worker at Heathrow in regard to the illegal transportation of unfit meat via Bombay and Bahrain? Is she prepared to take action to see this illegal action is stopped?

Mrs Feaner: The Government is most concerned that trade in unfit meat should be stopped. We are preparing meat sterilization regulations with a degree of urgency in order to stop any illegal trade in unfit meat and we shall be supporting his Bill to increase the penalties for these offences.

The BBC has already put forward proposts for two DBS channels. One would be a subscription service including a substantial element of feature films and major sporting, cultural and other events not presently available for transmission on BBC 1 or BBC 2. The other would be a service which would draw on the best television programmes from around the world (and indeed from this country). This would be financed basically by licence fee revenue—which would probably include a supplemental licence fee for DBS.

The IBA and commercial

for DBS.

The IBA and commercial television companies have also shown some interest in providing DBS services, but their plans are less well advanced. Additionally, more time will be needed to devise the right framework, which would be likely to involve legislation.

In these circumstances the Government believes that the right course, if the necessary early agreements are to be reached between satellite providers and users, is to authorise a go-ahead with the BBC proposals.

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However, the Government attaches importance to the participation of commercial television companies in DBS. What we are now proposing would leave ample future opportunities open to them. The Government intends to press ahead with the necessary preparatory work, and would be ready to introduce legislation for the purpose as necessary.

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Meanwhile the immediate requirement is for the BBC and the British space industry to enter into discussions with a view to constructing and agreeing de-

I commend these decisions to the House as a sound foundation for a development with major significance for this country's industrial and employment pros-pects. The House will no doubt wish to have an opportunity of discussing them: the Leader of the House will be finding time for an early debate.

Dr Shirley Summerskill, an Opposition spokesman on home affairs (Halifax, Lab) said the proposals represented a significant step into totally new and rapidly changing area of broadcasting involving public money and an element of financial risk. and an element of manchar risk.

The fact that neither of the
new channels will be financed
out of advertising is (she went
on) to be warmly welcomed.
Commercial interests will be

reply. She said the review would

cover all types of raw minced meat including frozen mince.

Overfishing

condemned

by minister

about the practice of foreign fishing vessels registering in the United Kingdom in order to take part of the United Kingdom's

part of the United Kingdom's total allowable catch, he told Mr John Mackay (Argyll, C) who asked what Government steps were being taken to prevent this situation.



Bryan: Is government

absent. The BBC will continue to provide a truly public service financed by public money. We would expect a White Paper before any legislation is intro-duced by the Government regard-ing the participation of commer-cial television companies in satellite broadcasting.

cial television companies in satellite broadcasting. Mr Whitelaw: I cannot see that that should be necessary. Sir Paul Bryan (Howden, C): At the time of the Broadcasting Bill, the Government's policy was to increase the choice of programmes by increasing the number of sources from which those programmes came. Is he neversing that policy? Mr Whitelaw: The Government is not reversing anything. The BBC have put forward their detailed proposals far ahead of anyone else. They are in a position to sign up with those who will provide the hardware and we believe it is in the country's interests that they should do so. Sir Hugh Fraser (Stafford and Sir Hugh Fraser (Stafford and Stone, Č): A statement on cable transmission arrangements is as important as the statement

Mr Whitelaw: I agree. The development of DBS and cable go hand in hand. There will be astatement on cable before we have the debate in the House. Mr Kenneth Warren (Hastings, C): To Limit the service to two channels from the start by decree denies the opportunity to expand as fast as is commercially possible. There should be no

technical reason why more channels should not be available and therefore more companies come forward and make the whole system cheaper. Mr Whitelaw: We believe it was right to make a modest start to get ahead of our competitors. If we can move further and faster forward we will do so.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab): Can he guarantee that he will not be making Lord Rees-Mogg head of this quango? Mr Michael Morris (Northamton, South, C): in discussion with the IBA would be ensure that it is not just existing ITV companies that are considered? There might be a whole spectrum of other commercial interests to be taken into account.

Mr Whitelaw: If we are to make an immediate start and sign up a consortium, it is only the BBC at the present time which is able to do it.

☐ The Food Standards | does need to be dealt with Committee has been invited resolutely. Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, Off UU): Has he taken note that to consider and advise on the need for specific controls over the composition and labelling of mince, Mrs Fenner said in a written Off UU): Has he taken note that there have been gross excesses of the catches over some of the quotas which were informally agreed last October, and of the particular countries whose boats were responsible for the most serious of these excesses?

Mr Buchanan-Smith: I have indeed and I regard as thorough-Particular attention would be paid to the fat content and description of the producly unsatisfactory the way some of these proposed quotas have been exceeded by particular

The Government has made its view perfectly clear on this to the EEC Commission and this underlines that if we are going to have effective conservation we must have it on an internationally agreed basis and internationally

Dutch subsidies

The way some countries were exceeding internationally agreed fishing quotas was thoroughly unsatisfactory and effective conservation had to be internationally agreed and internationally enforced, Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, Minister of State for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said during questions in the Commons.

He was also deeply concerned about the practice of foreign Mr Peter Walker, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said that he was expecting — perhaps this coming week — an agreement which he hoped would be permanent on Dutch heating subsidies to horticulturists about which British growers have been complaining. If agreement was not reached at the EEC Council of Agriculture Ministers on March 15, he said, legal action would be taken against the Dutch.

Next week's business

Mr Buchanan-Smith explained that the Secretary of State for Trade (Mr John Biffen) who was responsible for registration, was Trade (Mr John Bules) was responsible for registration, was seeking to ensure that owners of certain fishing boats were properly entitled to claim British registration and their vessels properly complied with the rules that such registration imposed. The main business in the House of Commons next week will be: of Commons next week will be:

Monday: Timetable motion on the
Oil and Gas (Enterprise) Bill,
Canada Bill, third reading,
Tuesday: Budget. Lloyd's Bill,
third reading.
Wednesday and Thursday: Continuation of Budgets debate.
Friday: Private member's motion
on employment and educational
opportunities for young people.
The main business in the
House of Lords will be:
Monday: Travel Concessions
(London) Bill and Administration
of Justice Bill, second readings.

Mr Mackay: That will be warmly welcomed. Will he press on the Board of Trade that they do something about this practice, which causes great annoyance to the fishing industry that people should so abuse the rules and regulations and causes annoyance to the British public who do not like to see foreigners coming (London) Bill and Administration of Justice Bill, second readings.
Deer (Amendment) (Scotland)
Bill, committee.
Tuesday: Civic Government (Scotland) Bill, report, second day. Debate on Pitcairn Island.
Wednesday: Debate on the national health service. not like to see foreigners coming in and playing our rules so

Mr Buchanan-Smith: This is a matter about which I am deeply concerned because the last year has seen a growth, particularly of former Spanish vessels. is doing already, There is a review taking place of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894. A

In addition to what Mr Biffen

Thursday: Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill, committee, first day. consultation document has been issued, and the fishing industry invited to comment. Parliament today

invited to comment.

1 shall be working very closely with Mr Biffen on this because it in Kent and on test-tube babies.

Bills remove barriers to marriage

HOUSE OF LORDS

Two personal Bills, the object of which was to enable people related by marriage but not by blood to marry, received a second reading in the House of Lords.

The first, the John Francis Dare and Gillian Loder Dare (Marriage Enabling) Bill, was introduced by Lady Wootton of Abinger (Lab) who recalled that in the past three years four Bills had been presented to the House which had sought to enlarge the scope of relationships within the had sought to enlarge the scope of relationships within the service of the House which had sought to enlarge the scope of relationships within the marriage should take place.

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John Dare, aged 66, and Gillian Dare, aged 49, wished to marry but were unable to do so because of the law which prevented steptather and stepdaughter marrying.

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Lord Elwyn-Jones, for the Opposition, said this was a matter which required the intervention of the House, in the interests of compassion and decent human relationships, to remove the legal impediment to the marriage of these two petitioners which imposed hardship upon them and served no purpose of public

said it was widely recognized that the personal Bill procedure left something to be desired. In the second case, the Hugh Small and Norma Small (Marriage Enabling) Bill, Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran (L), who moved the second reading, said the object was to enable the couple to be married although they were stepson and stepmother. There were no thes of blood.

Thatcher: S Africa tour a mistake tives and he said: They do not give a damn for the Common-wealth Games or to the repu-tation of the House of Commons.

sportsmen going to play in spartheid South Africa. It would give Mrs Thincher an oppor-tunity to clarify her own muddled thinking and prejudiced mind on

the matter.

Mr Pyss: The Prime Minister made it clear yesterday. I do not think I can find time for a

debate.
Mr David Winnick (Walsall, North, Lab): A Government statement is necessary on the cricketers going to South Africa because of the Prime Minister's shameful refusal to condemn the

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Thatcher her real views and if
she endorses the sentiments of
the fellow trayellers and apologists for spartheid on those
benched.

Mr Pynz I have nothing to add
to what has been said today.

Cheaper oil is

good news for

The reduction in the price of North Sea oil by \$4 a barrel was good news for industry because it would lower industrial costs and help to reduce inflation, Mrs Thatcher, the Prime Minister, and

Mr Winston Churchill (Stretford, C) had congratulated her on taking the initiative among the oil producing nations to procure a sharp downward trend in oil

a sharp downwaru trene in our prices.
This provides not only Great Britain but the western industrialized world (he said) with the opportunity of breaking out of the vicious economic circle of recent years into what Izin Macleod called the virtuous circle in which lower inflation leads to economic expansion, generating greater resources and

generating greater resources and savings which in turn lead to lower taxation.

Mrs Thatcher: It is also good news for increasing world trade as money which would otherwise have been spent on oil will now be available for the purchase of other goods, and our industry is in a good position to take advantage of that expansion.

Answering further questions.

small business.

Sir William Clark (Croydon South, C): If there was a £9,000m reflationary budget next week, next year the PSBR would go up by £6,000m which would increase

industry

PM'S QUESTIONS

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, endorsed at question time what Lord Carrington, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Afrairs, had said about the South African cricket tour by England cricketers perhaps being a mistake. She had been pressed by Labour MPs to reply "Yes" or "No" when asked whether she condemned the tour.

Mr Jack Straw (Blackburn, Lab): Her mealy mouthed, half-hearted fence sitting comments in this House on Tuesday and in a written answer yestarday Mr Frances Pym, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, replied: Mr Foot has some rather subjective judgments on what MPs feel about certain matters.

I am sure he is right about the Commitment of the Council about the commitment of the council and the co Commonwealth Games and that the whole House wishes them to go ahead. I cannot find time for a debate on the tour of South Africa. Africa.
Mr John Carlisle (Luton, West, C): On sport in South Africa, perhaps we could have a debate on Mr Denis Howell (Birmingham Small Heath, Lab, and Labour spokesman on sport) who has been passing most of the week pursuing his particular sport behind the iron curtain in Russia.

Mr Andrew Faulds (Warley, East, Lab): He should consider the need for a debate on British sportsmen going to play in

House on Tuesday and in a written answer yesterday strongly suggest, whatever her sports minister and Lord Carrington may say or think, she privately condones this tour and the racist regime. She should give a straight answer to a straight question. Does she condemn this tour? Yes or No. Mrs. Thatcher: I am neither mealy mouthed about upholding the Gleneagles agreement nor about the right of freedom of people in this country to travel.

I have given a written answer. I have nothing further to add. I endorse what Lord Carrington said today when he said perhaps this tour is a mistake.

Mr. Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab): Her Tuesday answer so far from assisting the situation, only made it worse (Conservative shouts of Parabhich's Perr forther conting.

assising the smarion, only made it worse (Conservative shouts of "Rubbish"). Her further equivocal answer here today continues to make it worse. Without any equivocation, does she agree with what the Poreign Secretary said on the matter and repudiates what her backbenchers have said?
Mrs Thatcher: Mr Poot cannot have been listening. I endorsed Lord Carrington on this matter in my last reply.
Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk (Ormskirk, Lab): Can she not Just condemn the cricket tour of South Africa and those Conservative MPs who support it?

tive MPs who support it?
Mrs Thatcher: I have answered so many questions. I have nothing to add to the answers I

nothing to add to the answers I have previously given.
Mr Janes Wellbeloved (Bexley, Erith and Crayford, SDP): Has she noted the double standards of those who pay lip service to the condemnatation of the Soviet invasion and occupation of Afghanistan fields of Moscow?
Will she avoid making the same Argianistan neits or moscow:
Will she avoid making the same
error by clearly condemning
those who have offended people's
decency by taking their cricket
bels to South Africa?

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Mrs Thatcher: I have endeavoured to apply the same rules. We try to dissuade people from going to those events which we think are contrary to the Gleneagles agreement or, in the case of Afghamistan, have given aid and comfort to Soviet Russia, we have tried to dissuade them in both cases. Our only powers are powers of persuasion. People are ultimately free to decide for themselves.

themselves.

When next week's business was being considered, Mr Foot said amid Conservative protests that some MPs were deeply concerned to ensure: that the Commonwealth Games went sheaf He continued: Even if some Conservatives do not care, we think it would be a tragedy if

think it would be a tragedy if these games were injured or impaired. That is the real danger, that England could be excluded.

The Prime Minister should make a fresh statement in the House at the beginning of next week in the hope that we may rescue something from the situation. That is her duty. It is made all the more necessary by the form of her answers this week.

The Government had confidence

in the coal industry's future potential, and its commitment

potential, and its commitment was expressed in the Coal Industry Bill, which increased the National Coal Board's borrowing limits to £4,500m or, by order, to £5,000m, Mr John Moore, Under-Secretary of State for Energy, said when moving the third reading of the Bill.

He said the increase in the board's borrowing powers pro-

COAL BILL

Coal's future lies in expanded markets

sition spokesman (Midlothian, Lab) said the delay in the development of the Vale of Belvoir in North East Leicester-shire had reached the pro-portions of a national scandal. The Government should make an The Government strong unase an announcement to go ahead not just in the interests of the miners, but also those of the future economic recovery of the



Eadie: Belvoir delay

Pit closures were inevitable in an extractive industry. However, providing the industry. However, providing the industry could seize the opportunities for growth which were available to it, there would be a corresponding need for opening new capacity at both new and existing mines.

This was the pattern which Plan for Coal envisaged, though it was clear that the opportunities for coal were some years farther off than envisaged.

The effect on the board's There had been a propaganda effort by Mr Ronald Butt, The Times columnist, who was wellknown as representing the conscience of the Tory Farty. The article was so heavily biased it brought a response from Mr Joe Gormley, President of the NUM, who did a demolition job.

Mr Gormley reinted out the farther off than envisaged.

Mr Gormley pointed out the The effect on the board's inspector at the public inquiry finances of the recent improved did consider a huge weight of ment in productivity had been evidence. Mr Butt left the

more than offset by falls in MCB's sales and a corresponding increase in stocks.

The main selling point must be the competitive pricing of coal along with reliability of supply. The board needed to demonstrate judicious management of the resources available to it, and in particular to ensure its investment projects were sound.

Mr Alexander Badle, an Opposition spokesman (Midlothian, and the projects were sound to the coal fields suggested two-sition spokesman (Midlothian, and the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would be at the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields and the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields and the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields suggested two-thirds of all properties would not the coal fields and the coal fields sugge

thirds of all properties would not be affected at all and only 100 would suffer anything more than

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Some new railway buildings would be necessary but the only development within the vale would be the reinstatement of track on a disused line. There would be no permanent loss of agricultural land as a result of waste disposal from the mines as only 3 per cent of the total land area of the coal field would be occupied by the mine sites.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab) said that interest tates would consume all that the Government was giving to the coal industry. The Government was not giving the industry anything. It was just hanging more debts around its neck.

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It was a tragedy when subsidies were being given to the coal industry in the Common Market that the Government was not giving any opportunity for the industry to breathe and compete with Germany, France and Belgium.

Mr Michael Welsh (Don Valley, Lab) said greater efforts should be made to increase exports of coal, particularly to Third World countries.

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Mr Raymond Powell (Ogmore, Lab) said the Welsh coalifield accorded the development of a new deep mine at Margam. The Government should discuss it with the NCB and the NUM as a matter of urgency.

The Bill was read the third fine.

Inquiry into research assistants

SECURITY

Mr Francis Pym, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, explained during ques-tions about forthcoming business why he had instituted an inquiry into the employment of research assistants in the Commons. He said: A number of allegations have been made and I thought it right to institute some inquiries. I have asked the Services Committee to undertake this. There are security implications.

Mr Nickolas Winterton (Maccles-field, C) had asked for clarifi-cation of the position of research

istants. He said that many complaints were being passed to
MPs about the presence of
strange people in the building
and they seemed to work strange
hours. Many MPs were concerned that the facilities of the
House were being abused.

House were being abused.

Mr Clinton Davis (Hackney Central, Lab): There is need for guidelines on employment of research assistants. There has been much unpleasant speculation and defamatory observations have been made about hard-working and decent American students who are here to study and help MPs. They should not be made scapegoats for inadequate research conditions and facilities.

Mr Pym: I do not wish to anticipate what will be discovered in the investigation. But I am sure it should be looked at if only to satisfy ourselves that in some respects the present arrangements are satisfactory and if they are not, in places, then we can do something about it.

Mr Guy Barnett (Greenwich, Lab): Will the inquiry deal with the adequacy or inadequacy of facilities for research assistants?

Mr Pym: Yes, that is relevant. I have had quite a lot of criticism that in some cases a strain is being put on existing facilities not justified by the nature of the inquiries.

Rate grants system in inner London damages Tories

Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, is certain, after the announcement by Conservative controlled councils in inner London of rates increases substantially higher than in the inner hornighs con-

interest charges, it means the cost of the national debt goes up £1,000m per annum.

Mr Thatcher: I wholly agree if there were to be an increase in expenditure of that amount to be added to the borrowing requirement interest rates would go up sharply indeed.

I cannot precisely confirm his figures, but I share his general view and would point out that the payments of interest on debt have gone up enormously. They were about £2,000m in 1970. This year they will be £15,000m which is higher than we spend either on the national health or education services. the inner boroughs con-trolled by Labour.

Tower. Hamlets council,
which is Labour controlled,
yesterday said it would ask
its ratenagers for 9 per cent yesterday said it would be its ratepayers for 9 per cent more in 1982-83. That compares with the 17 per cent figure for the commercial rate increase recommended that increase the finance rate increase recommended yesterday by the finance committee of the City of London, whose members stand on no party platforms but pride themselves on financial rectitude.

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Tower Hamlets is one of the Labour-controlled councils in London that, classified by Mr Heseltine as "overspenders", have gained from his grants distribution for 1982-83, an election year for the London because is a longon to the London because its longon to the London because is a longon to the longon to the London to the longon to the London boroughs.

A similar pattern holds throughout inner London.

Domestic ratepayers will pay

The Prime Minister refused to be drawn into answering questions about an M15 computer, stering that it was a long hallowed practice not to comment in the Commons on security matters.

Mr Michael Meacher (Oldham, West, Lab) had said; Has she seen reports today that M15 has set up a gigantic secret computer in Mayfair which is two and a half-times the size of the already vast British National Computer, and that M15 has been given unlimited access to other Government department files to build up a comprehensive national filing system on each individual?

This is already 1984 writ large. Will she legislate to ensure that this monster is checked by a security consulant appointed by an independent data protection authority? nearly 21 per cent more in Conservative Westminster, 7 per cent extra in neighbour-ing Camden, which is Labour ontrolled; Wandsworth, Conservative, will probably next week vote a rates increase of about 15 per cent, while seighbouring I ambeth while neighbouring Lambeth, Labour, plans a cut in its rate of 1 per cent; rates in Southwark, Labour, will rise by 10 per cent while Conservative Kensington and Chelsea's will increase by 25 per cent.

Conservative councillors a their allies on the Govern-ment's back benches are doubly angry because the portion of the rate attribu-table to spending by the boroughs has been cut in

several cases.

Wandsworth council hopes
to cut its "borough rate", the amount it needs to pay for the services it provides, — by

Williams urges jobs

satisfied his requirements for self-regulation.

Mr Patrick Mayhew, Minister of State, Home Office, in a written reply, said: We considered the need for statutory control of private investigators as part of our review of the private security industry, and concluded that the case for such control had not been made out.

We think it is preferable to appport and encourage self-regulation. By this we mean voluntary action, not the statutory imposition of requirements backed by penal sanctions. We have looked at this again recently, and our view remains By Philip Webster Political Reporter recently, and our view resunchanged.

High awards by wage councils anger firms

In Mr Meacher also asked the Home Secretary why he was not prepared to support the Private Investigators Bill put forward to his department by the Association of British Investigators in view of the fact that it satisfied his requirements for all formulations.

Wellbeloved: Double

Thatcher silent

on MI5

computer

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, has written to two wages councils drawing their attention to the anger among a number of small businesses at the size of the wage awards they had given The Prime

advantage of that expansion.

Answering further questions, she said: We should bope that from the recent fall in oil prices we are in a position to try to get some expansion and we will continue our policy of supporting and encouraging development of new industries and expanding small business.

Sir William Clark (Crowdon Mr John Townend (Bridlington, C) said there was a growing concern among small businessweek.

Week interest paid which would hit men at the reluctance of the industry, jobs and the rest. For Government to reform or abolish laughter from some Conservative every one point increase in wages councils.

of young people were being alienated from society. Unemployment among them was 40 per cent, or even

inorities.

generation approaches to the problem "may buy time, and we need to buy time. But they offer no solutions, and they threaten the fragile structure of a democracy based on consent, but they are the fragile on the the fragile structure of the continuous and the structure of the structure of the continuous and the structure of the structure as lide on the

Renewed criticism of the more than 40 per cent. It grants system devised by Mr blames the rises on the increased amounts demanded by the Inner London Edu-cation Authority (ILEA) and

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cation Authority (ILEA) and the Greater London Council, both Labour-controlled.

Mr Patrick Roney, chairman of the City of London's finance committee, said: "The severe demands placed on City of London ratepayers are caused by the direct result of heavy precepts by ILEA and the GLC and the resulting grant losses".

But Labour-controlled But Labour-controlled boroughs have cut their boroughs nave cut their borough rates, too, Tower Hamlets by 17 per cent. Even adding the precepts, they are planning to ask ratepayers for proportionately less in

An explanation was given earlier this week by Mr Nicholas Freeman, leader of

Nicholas Freeman, leader of Kensington and Chelsea council, when he amounced that rates would rise but through no fault of the Conservatives.

"It will be noticed that for other boroughs the increase is lower than ours. The explanation is to be found by appreciating that only a relatively small part of the total bill is attributable to this borough, whereas in the high-spending boroughs the borough proportion of the borough proportion of the rate bill is very much greater than is the case in this borough." Several of the Labour

boroughs gained unexpected-ly from the grants formula, a point acknowledged by Mr Heseltine in the past when he said it illustrated the objective nature of his system. Lambeth's finances improved markedly as a result of the adjustments to the rate support system made last year to give more aid to designated inner city areas.

Other boroughs, such as Camden, which receives no grant, have used cash reserves to protect ratepayers. Some councils have cut

for blacks

Positive discrimination to encourage blacks into the public services was advocated last night by Mrs Shirley Williams, joint leader of the Social Democratic Party.

She said that public purchasing and government contracts should be made conditional on companies

conditional on companies having clear and positive non-discriminatory employ-

ment policies.

Mrs Williams, delivering the Gaitskell memorial lecture at Nothingham University, did not say such policies would operate and made no mention of legislation, but she said their success would depend on effective monitor-

"Many of us in central and wrongly local government wrongly believed that the different races in Britain would settle down to a tolerant acceptance of one another," she said, but a growing number

higher, and was concentrated among the unskilled, the less qualified and the ethnic

"An underclass of young people is emerging, a lost generation .

by putting a lid on the

Industry is asked to aid wildlife

By Hugh Clayton

Dr David Bellamy yester-day moderated the wide-eyed enthusiasm and fruity tones that have become his trade mark as the "Botanic Man" of television and appealed to industry for money. He told his audience at the

Institute of Directors in London that cash was needed for thousands of wildlife conservation projects. "Without the natural resources of the world the future of all the multinationals will be pretty bleak", he said at the launching of a Conservation Foundation financed by the Pitney Bowes office machin-

ery group. that he had not come to criticize business tycoons, but to applaud them. He had seen the success with which banks, insurance houses and car, oil, and food companies had sponsored nature conservation and education, and he said he wanted industry to do

more.
Mr T. J. Gilligan, Pitney
Bowes vice-president for European operations, said the foundation would hold a register of projects waiting for help. "If a sponsor can be shown how his donations can help a conservation effort and provide a public relations, marketing, and staff relations advantage, then the donating company can obtain a better return."
Profits made by Pitney

Bowes from disease-resistant strains of elms developed for the group in the United States will be used to finance the foundation.

Prosser 'was crushed to death by crippling blow'

Mr Barry Prosser died in Draycott, QC, for the prose-Winson Green Prison, Bir-mingham, from a crippling that a prisoner will give blow to the stomach caused evidence that the three had by one or more people, a murder trial jury was told yesterday. Dr Derek Barrowcliffe,

over a chamberpot.

Mr. Prosser, aged 32, was found dead in his cell on August 19, 1980. The court heard that he died from a burst stomach and a perfor-

burst stomach and a perforated gullet.

Dr. Barrowcliffe said Mr.
Prosser was bruised both
internally and externally
from head to toe. It was most
likely that more than one
person was responsible, although it was possible that
he had been taken off guard
by a blow to his genitals and
reduced to a "crippled hulk"
by one man. by one man.

Melvyn Jackson, aged 33, Howard Price, aged 25, and Eric Smith, aged 33, all officers at the prison, deny

murder.
The prosecution says the three denied entering Mr
Prosser's cell on the night he died before going in to administer an injection with discipline officers called by Mr Jackson. But Mr Douglas

that a prisoner will give evidence that the three had left the cell earlier with red faces. Dr Barrowcliffe said yes-

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Dr Derek Barrowcliffe, a
Home Office pathologist, told
Leicester Crown Court that it
was "highly, highly unlikely"
that Mr Prosser's injuries
were self-inflicted and he
ruled out the possibility that
they were caused by a fall

br Barrowcliffe said that

Mr Prosser died from a crush injury to the upper part of his abdomen. "The most likely cause was a heavy weight dropping with force and a great deal of velocity on the upper part of the abdomen."

One of 12 prison officers summoned by Mr Jackson to administer the injection to Mr Prosser said, there was mo resistance or struggle.

Mr Barry Turner said Mr Jackson had briefed them beforehand; "The gist of it was that there was a potentially dangerous man, violent and his and we were to and big, and we were to administer an injection into his body. He just said we were to go in there and we needed to turn him on his stomach and restrain him and and hold him down." The trial was adjourned until next Monday. The jury will today visit the cell in which Mr Prosser died.

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Judges get new power to defer sentences

and give a partly suspended sentence rather than take the

changed since then.

sentence.

MPs yesterday agreed to suspended and cutting from new powers for judges and six weeks to 28 days the magistrates to suspend part period that an offender must of a prison sentence. This spend in custody. of a prison sentence. This spend in custody.

was despite a barrage of criticism from the Opposition and warnings that the prison population would rise to more than 45,000.

The committee stage of barrage of committee stage of powers, which include the law Society, the Justice Clerks' Society and the Marional Association of Prohisional Workers were cited.

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In the committee stage of bation Workers, were cited the Criminal Justice Bill, by Mr Robert Kilroy-Silk, Labour MPs, who were Labour MP for Ormskirk. defeated on the new clause They feared the powers deteated on the new clause by 11 votes to nine, accused the Government of changing from its original policy of automatic parole for shorter sentence prisoners because of pressure from the ju-diciary.

bolder step of a fully sus-pended, or non-custodial Alexander Lyon, Labour MP for York and a sentence.

Mr Kilroy-Silk, who is chairman of the all-party penal affairs group, abstained from the vote because he supported the intention. former Minister of State at the Home Office, said that the Home Office, said that lord Justice Lawton, a senioir judge in the Court of Appeal, had "blown the gaff" when he had spoken of a meeting of the appeal court the supported the intention behind the clause. He said Home Office research had shown that when suspended shown that when suspended shown that when suspended them Justice and indicated "how sentences were first introthey had voted him slowly duced courts used them where previously they would have imposed a non-custodial have imposed a non-custodial

"Five or six people in England decided that a pro-England decided that a proposal which was widely canvassed, supported by a considerable section of this House, certainly by the Home Office, and was the policy of the Home Secretary, should not be carried."

The reason, he said, was that the judiciary had inti-mated that if there was automatic parole for shorterterm prisoners who had served one third of their sentences, judges would in-

with that ultimatum, from the judiciary, Mr Alfred Dubs, Labour MP for Battersea South, added, the Home Office capitulated and the minister dramatically changed his view.

Dr Shirley Summerskill a

Dr Shirley Summerskill, a new power would be properly Labour home affairs spokes- applied. Labour home affairs spokesman, said to learn how legislation was drawn up through newspapers and television. No one had told them those consultations were taking place.

The place applied ap

The new powers, which the Government hopes will ease overcrowding in prisons, come into force on March 29, by the implementation of a section in the Criminal Law resuscitation by policemen. section in the Criminal Law resuscitation by policemen, Act, 1977, which has never he was dead on arrival at

Heathrow's volunteers speed the baggage

By Alan Hamilton

Passengers using terminal one at Heathrow have reported to British Airways that they have been able to collect their luggage more quickly since baggage hand-lers there went on strike nearly four weeks ago.

Airline officials also privately concede that passen-gers' complaints of pilferage have been almost non-existent, since the work was taken over by volunteers drawn would lead to a rise in prison numbers, he said. Faced with borderline cases, courts would go for the easy option from other departments of

BA.
"I was out of the airport in half the time it would have collect by taken me to collect by baggage from the bays", said a shuttle passenger who collected his suitcase direct from the aircraft hold.

Another of the scores who wrote to the airline said: "Grateful thanks for keeping the flights going and demon-strating how loyalty, com-mon sense and an active conscience can show the foolish strikers up for what

they are".

Far fewer complaints had come from customers about the strike than about the recent bad weather disrup-tions, the airline said, "Once sentence.

Replying for the Government, Mr Patrick Mayhew, Minister of State at the Home Office, said one could not ignore the opinion of the judiciary, who were going to impose the sentences.

Mr Mayhew, who was responsible for the power being included in the Criminal Law Act in 1977 when an opposition member, said that

they know what it is all about they are very understand-ing,"

Mr Lindsay Todd, general manager at terminal one, confirmed yesterday that the airline's target of clearing 90
per cent of incoming passengers' baggage within 25
minutes was being achieved
more often than by the
regular staff.
Their enthusiasm was
partly responsible, he said.

opposition member, said that although it had never been implemented much had But the main reason was that BA had given up handling mail and cargo on its dommail and cargo on its dom-estic and European flights while the dispute lasted. Only about 10 per cent of short haul flights are being can-celled, and long haul services are not affected.

The 2,000 regular ramp staff, members of the Trans-port and General Workers' Union, are objecting to new rosters which they claim mean working from 17 to 30 extra days a year without

extra pay.
About 350 volunteers a day, from aircraft captains to clerical staff, load, unload and clean sircraft, transport baggage and drive the trac-tors which position aircraft on the ground.

Provisions in the Criminal Justice Bill will make the use of the powers more flexible by cutting from six to three months the minimum sentence that can be partly hospital.

The issue for the police was not any question of ill the provision of the prisoner but whether standing orders covering such situations had been carried out.

Mr Robert Macdonald, head of customer services, said the volunteers were well aware that the airline lost fill the police was not any question of ill the ground.

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Mr Michael Lock, a designer preparing a Surrealist style model (left) wearing a Schiaparelli dress for the new costume gallery at Brighton Museum. The gallery, which opens in April, will feature the creations of famous couturiers of the 1920-50 period, many presented by the original owners.

Mr Honey escapes a pen-alty, however. The Divisional Court made no order on the

After the Divisional Court

voting, governors were told

not to stop communications

to courts issuing proceed-ings. The prison standing orders reflect that judgment,

Prison governor loses Lords contempt appeal

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

A former governor of basic right to unimpeded Albany Prison, Isle of Wight, was in contempt of court Lord Bridge of Harwich when he blocked a prisoner's said the evidence failed to High Court application, the House of Lords ruled yester-day.

A former governor of basic right to unimpeded access to a court.

Lord Bridge of Harwich said the evidence failed to establish that the stopping of Raymond's letter to his solicitor effectively impeded birm giving instructions on him in giving instructions on the conduct of his defence at Camberwell Green Magis-trates' Court, south London.

day. Stephen Patrick Raymond, the prisoner, had tried to apply to have Mr Colin Honey committed for contempt after he stopped a letter from the prisoner to his solicitor.

The Lords ruled that Mr motion.

Honey was wrong to The Prison Department intercept the High Court said it would carefully conapplication, but upheld the sider the judgment to see if Divisional Court ruling that he had not been in contempt implicati when he blocked the original cedures letter. A cross-appeal by Raymond was dismissed.

Lord Wilberforce said not to stop commun there was nothing in the Prison Act, 1952, that conferred power to make regulations which would deny, or interfere with, the prisoner's voting, governors we not to stop commun to courts issuing a court ings. The prison orders reflect that just interfere with, the prisoner's Law Report,

BIG GROWTH IN USE OF GATWICK

By Michael Baily

Transport Correspondent Traffic through Gatwick grew by a quarter last year to make it the world's fourth biggest international airport after Heathrow, London, Kennedy, New York, and Frankfurt, it still had far fewer passengers than Heath-row, 10,700,000 compared row, 10,700,000 with 26 million.

Gatwick has grown largely because many airlines were forced to go there when there was no room at Heathrow. Those airlines tended to be those which have produced more dynamic

sider the judgment to see if there were any further implications for its progrowth. The trend is expected to continue despite the collapse of Laker, one of Gatwick's

biggest users.
Charter traffic, on which Gatwick's fortunes were largely founded, remained virtually static last year, while scheduled services Law Report, page 23 | blossomed.

fired in Welsh water war From Tim Jones, Cardiff

First shot

Mr Dafydd Wigley, president of Plaid Cymru, yesterday returned to the Welsh Water Authority his unpaid bill for £267 for a year's domestic water supply and signalled the beginning of a campaign of civil dis-

obedience in the principality. Water charges are an emotive issue in Wales and the party is hoping that thousands of consumers will refuse to pay their water rates until "more realistic payments" are made by English authorities for their supplies from Welsh reser-

Plaid Cymru considers that the issue cuts across the language divide and political language divide and political affiliations and is urging people from all parties to withhold payment of their bills. Welsh Water Authority consumers are charged 30p in the pound, compared with the 14p and 17p paid respectively by customers of the Severn-Trent and North West authorities, both of which extract millions of gallons from reservoirs in Wales.

Dissatisfaction in the prin-

Dissatisfaction in the principality was heightened by the recent decision of the WWA to raise its charges to the average household by 18.3 per cent.

The WWA has asked the The WWA has asked the Severn-Trent Authority to pay £4.5m, three times the present charge, for the water it takes from Wales, but that has been rejected. Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales, and Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for the Environment, are now involved in the are now involved in the dispute.

dispute.

Mr Edwards has agreed that the WWA be reorganized to make it more efficient but he is determined to resist calls for a centralized water authority on the lines of other nationalized industries. Earlier this week MPs

attending the parliamentary committee on Welsh affairs were told by Dr Roger Thomas, the Labour member for Carmarthen, that the issue of water charges could cause instability throughout the principality.

Boxing belts stolen

Cash and two champion-ship belts worth £1,700 each have been stolen from the British Boxing Board of Control's London office. One of the belts was new. The other had been held by Charlie Magri, the former Kingsbridge Magi British flyweight champion.

NEWS IN SUMMARY

Bailiffs Ohssor trail of bookworms

Bailiffs are being used deal with people i Hampshire who fail to return library books. In a three month experiment books worth £2,600 were recovered with £768 in fines and £111 for lost books.

for lost books.

Hampshire County Council has decided to make the bailiffs, who take 10 per cent and the county Council has decided to make the bailiffs, who take 10 per cent and the county of the c of the debt recovered, a permanent feature of its library service.

Mr John Reynolds, who is in charge of administration for the country's 93 libraries.

for the country's 93 libraries, said that only a minority of missing books were caused by the forgetfulness. "Most of the people who keep library books do so

deliberately.

If a book is not returned after two reminders we get in touch with the bailiff. I have known a person take a wheelbarrow load of overdue books to a mobile library,"

Stricken ship worries MP

Mr Gordon Wilson, the Scottish National Party MP for Dundee East, yesterday called for an urgent govern-ment statement on the poten-tial danger caused by the cargo ship Craigantiet, which is aground off the Galloway coast with a cargo of dangerous chemicals on board.

Mr Wilson said: "Highly poisonous chemicals have been washed into the sea and I want to find out what the Government is doing to lessen the danger and prevent such an occurrence happening again".

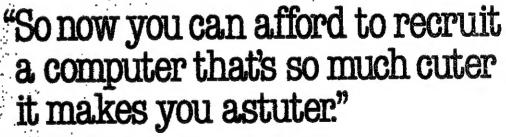
The Cypriot container vessel went aground off Port-sel went aground off Port-patrick on Friday. Some of the deck cargo, including containers of chemical waste, has since been washed into the sea and police have warned people to stay away.

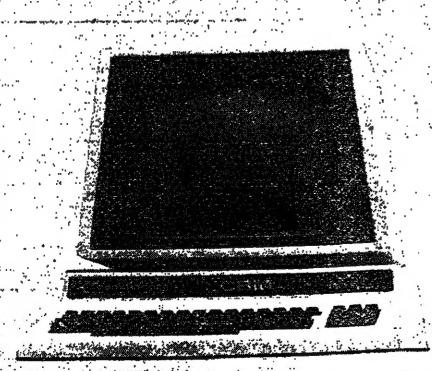
Child murder charge remand

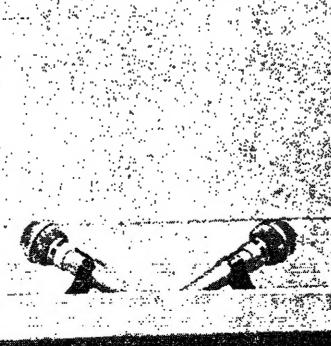
Martin Edward Beale, aged 49, was remanded in custody yesterday charged with murdering his daughter Rowan, aged two, at Hope Cove, Devon, on Tuesday.

Mr Beale, an unemployed craftsman, of no fixed address, is to appear again at Kingsbridge Magistrates'

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Spain's Civil Guards are once again at the centre of a popular outcry in Andalusia fter the fatal shooting of an 18-year-old youth and the serious wounding of his cousin at Trebujena 20 miles north of Jerez, the sherry town. They had been riding a motorcycle and failed to heed

a Civil Guard's order to halt. Last night, after the burial of the youth, Ignacio Montoya, an unemployed labourer, all the region's leftwing forces headed by the Socialist Party of Andalusia, combined to issue a settlement bined to issue a statement rejecting the official version of the shooting as "incorrect, and an insult to the vicitm". They demanded an investi-

gation by Parliament.

The local Civil Guard authorities said a Civil Guard on duty outside the paramili-tary organization's barracks identified the youths as two suspected theives denounced earlier in the day by a local

earlier in the day by a local farmer's wife.

The Civil Guard, according to the official version, fired one warning shot into the air. When the motorcycle failed to stop he fired three more shots at the youths. Ignacio Montoya was killed instantly, and his cousin was found by doctors later to have been shot through the spine.

Local people maintained part of the conspiracy (AP that the youths failed to stop reporter). because they did not want to and the two youths riding coup a year ago.
past the barracks. The A deposition by Brigadieryouth's motorcycle possessed a mechanical part which the farmer's wife had noted was leader of rebellious Civil missing from the thieves' vehicle.

the scene of a tragic error by Civil Guards which ended with the discovery of three burnt corpses on an Almeria roadside. They belonged to three young men with no criminal records who had been detained and interrogated by Civil Guards as suspected members of ETA, the Basque terrorist organization.

Senor Juan Roson, the Interior Minister, subsequently told Parliament that "irregularities" had occurred
The latest blunder by the
Civil Guards, who are widely
feared and hated in Andalusia caused all banks, shops, bars, schools and even public offices to close all day yesterday in Trebujena fol-

lowing a protest motion passed by all parties on the town council.

The Civil Governor of Seville replied by imposing a fine of 500,000 pesetas (about £2,700) on the town's leftwing mayor, as well as fines on local shopkeepers.

Madrid: A deposition given in court today linked Major-General Alfonso Amada, former deputy Army Chief of Staaff to the right-wing military plot to overthrow the Spanish governments despite earlier written testimony from the ex-adviser to King Juan Carlos that he was not

reporter). The deposition was given get a traffic fine. They in the ninth day of the court pointed out that one hour martial trying General Arelapsed between the woman's denunciation being communicated to Civil Guards on duty, rebellion in the attempted

Guards claimed he was acting on the orders of General

Crisis in Central America

Catholic church caught in the crossfire

From Paul Ellman Guatemala City, March 4 Caught in the crossfire between left and right, the

Roman Catholic Church in Central America is heading towards a big crisis, particularly over its role in the two strife-torn nations of El Salvador and Guatemala. At the centre of the debate

At the centre of the debate presently disturbing the church is the question of how far it should go in spreading the Christian doctrines of human dignity and brotherly love without becoming involved in revolutionary political movements whose members include members Marxists.

Critics on the right, both political and ecclesiastical, argue that the church has already gone too far and is encouraging the spread of communism. Critics on the left accuse it of only surface commitment to social change.

This commitment stemmed originally from a desire to halt the spread of Marxist ideology. After Vatican II from 1962 to 1965, the Latin American church as a whole agreed to work to improve the lot of its adherents, particularly the impoverished inhabitants of rural areas. The church found itself in direct competition with those trying to foster the ideals of the Cuban revolution, seen as a model for Latin American nations.

As a consequence priests in El Salvador, for example, went to live in rural areas, introducing villagers for the first time to the idea that they could liberate themselves from a brutish existence dominated by the harsh rule of the National Guard. Not surprisingly, many of the guerrillas fighting in El Salvador still profess to be Christian Democrats opposed to the party's decision under President Jose Napoleon Duarte to share power with

the military. In Guatemala priests brought a similar message to the Indians who, while they



War toll: Salvadorean guerrillas collecting taxes from traffic on the Pan American highway

make up 60 per cent of the population, live on the margins of the country's life.

The mounting political violence in these two countries over the past two years has not spared the church, which has seen pine of its which has seen nine of its workers murdered in El Salvador and 12 in Guatemala, which has also banned foreign missionaries from

entering the country. The most spectacular at-

make up 60 per cent of the Arnulfo Romero y Galdamez, who was an outspoken critic of the behaviour of the Salvadorean military.

Under strong pressure, not only from the right but also from the Christian Democratic Party, his successor, Acting Archbishop Arturo Rivera y Damas, has neen more circumspect, preferring to address himself in general terms to the need to "detoxi-

fy" El Salvador of violence.

pressure, inside and outside the church, for Mgr Rivera y Damas not to be confirmed in his post but for the archdiocese to be given to a non-Salvadorean

The right has been encouraged by last week's public admonishment by Pope John Paul II of the Jesuits for their radical activities, which have often strayed from the conservative positions adopted by the Pope.

so-called "theology of liberation" which, right-wingers claim, differs little from

Marxist doctrines.

"Before they used to see a Christian Democrat behind every Jesuit. Now they see at best a Social Democrat or, at worst, a Marxist," com-mented a member of the order, which has been threatened with outright expulsion from both El Salvador and Guatemala. "It's only be-cause we are for a social

to improve the social conditions of its followers come under fire from the right, the Marxist left in Nicaragua has broken publicly with the hierarchy there.

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Archbishop Miguel Obando y Bravo of Nicaragua last June warned that "after two years of hope, our revolution is heading towards Marxism on the Cuban model".

The Archbishop was a persistent critic of the late Nicaraguan dictator, Anastasio Somoza, who was overthrown in 1979. Lately he has been attacking the Sandinistas, who overthrew the dictatorship, for violating the human rights of the Miskito Indian population.

The revolutionary Govern-The revolutionary Government in Managua has resettled forcibly in the centre of the country more than 8,000 Miskitos, whose previous home was on the Pacific coast near the frontier with Honduras, alleging that they were alleging that they were collaborating with anti-Sandinista guerrillas.

The Sandinistas have asked the Vatican to send a mission of inquiry to look into the activities of the church in Nicaragua.

The fear that church unity could be shattered because of events in. El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua brought a dire warning from Archbishop Roman Arrieta Villalobos of Costa Rica, who is also chairman of the Episcopal Council of Central America and Panama. America and Panama.

Warning that the church could end up unable to preach its message of concili-ation, and clearly hoping that the right and left will not force a schism, the Arch-bishop said: "I cannot accept the idea of support for violent change, since Christians have other ways. There, nevertheless, have to be changes in social structures, situation which provides reforms and justice."

While the church's efforts because injustice is the cause of the problem, but armed struggle is not the way".

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Reagan claims US economy is turning

From Michael Hamlyn, Los Angeles, March 4

President Reagan went to his new federalism proposals, home state of California linking the increased federal yesterday and decided to spending to the "expanding accentuate the positive. He defended the concept of the concept ration's economic policies were already beginning to

Addressing an audience of conservative California local government officials he launched his most powerful defence so far of his new

Looking on the bright side, he told the audience, which included his daughter Maureen, a candidate in the Senate elections later this year, of the indicators pointing towards his success. "Inflation is down", he said. "In fact, it has fallen faster than anyone predicted, 8.9 per cent average for 1981 and only about 4.5 per cent for

the past three months.
"Savings are up and the main incentives to save are column written by David just coming on line. What Broder, a normally implactions that mean to the able enemy of Reaganism, economy? Well, a 1 per cent writing in The Washington increase in personal savings Post, the most hostile of the and \$20,000m (£11,000m) in establishment newspapers. the investment pool of available capital.

"The prime interest rate, while still too high, has declined by 20 per cent. There may be some minor fluctuations, but the interest rate trend line is downward." He declared that the economy was now poised for recovery and added: "It does prove that the medicine is

beginning to work."

The President set about rallying the defence of his budget proposals which are being attacked on all sides, even by his friends.

even by his friends. He admitted concern over the nearly \$100,000m budget deficit he is proposing. "It's certainly taking its toll on the nerves of those on Capitol Hill", he said. But he defended that too pointing defended that too, pointing out that past deficits represented a far larger proportion of gross national product than his proposals.

returning governmental de-cision to local authorities with appropriate quotations-from Thomas Jefferson, Chief Justice John Marshall, Calvin Coolidge and Will Rogers.

The new federalism so far has failed to excite much interest among the American public. The main fear of the proposal has been that it would be a cover for cutting back spending programmes, but Mr Reagan and his supporters have been at pains to show that there will be no losers," Mr Reagan said today, "the people will be the winners".

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ntity Papers.

He said: "A major news columnist recently pointed out some politicians and pundits don't take the issue of federalism seriously. Many of them, he suggested. simply don't realize how fed up grassroot Americans are with the centralization of power and resources in Washington. The columnist concluded that it would be a political mistake to brush aside federalism." The Presi-dent added: "Well, bless his

little typewriter".

Mr Reagan referred to the fears of some people raised in an era when states' rights was a cover phrase for racism. "For the record," he said, "the new federalism is not meant to be and will not be permitted to be a step backward in the nation's backward in the nation's commitment to civil rights".

In praising the develop-ment of voluntary service "In the years we were coming out of the 1974 recession, deficits averaged 3.5 per cent of Gross National Product. Our projected deficit — big as it is — will only be 2.7 per cent of GNP".

Then he broadened the budget deficit argument into a wide ranging defence of his throughout local authority work the President announced the appointment of a private sector survey chief who will root out inefficiency and the waste of taxpayers dollars in the federal Government. The new chairman of the survey is Mr Peter Grace, chairman and chief executive of the chemical company W. R. Grace.

Cyclone-stricken islands face food emergency

Sydney, March 4. — Five Australian Air Force transport aircraft left tonight with relief supplies for the Pacific island kingdom of Tonga, where at least two people have died in a cyclone, officials said.

Most telephne lines to the islands have been cut by Cyclone Isaac, although officials cials confirmed that two cials confirmed killed and children had been killed and seven were missing and feared drowned.

The Australian Broadcasting Commission, which managed to make telephone contact with the islands today, said 50 people had been treated for injuries.

The news editor of Tonga radio said in an interview that there was a desperate need for food and supplies.



All power had been cut on the main island of Tongatapu and in the capital, Nukualofa, houses had been washed away by flood waters. Most buildings in the town

had been damaged by the cyclone, which first hit the Tongan islands on Tuesday night, but is now moving

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem, March 4

new rapport with France that has been established by M

M Mitterrand said in his

35-minute address that he did

and Arabs were "preliminary and mutual recognition, and mutual renunciation of direct

most radical mayors, Mr Bassam Shaka, of Nablus and

Mr Karim Khalef, of Ramal-

The Arab leaders who also

included Mr Elias Freij, Mayor of Bethlehem, had previously said that Mr Arafat should meet M Mitter-

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M. François Mitterrand, The Samaria to an enemy bent on french support for a Palestinian state as the main obstacle in the path to the Prime Ministers dwelt at charter."

Reiteating what had been wish, described french support for a Palestinian state as the main obstacle in the path to the renewal of friendship between the two countries. opposed views about a poss-

ible solution.

M. Mitterrand reiterated. his strongly held opinion that it was wrong for outsiders to interfere in the Middle East problem. He said the task of finding an answer should be left to the peoples of the region. "France will not act as an arbitrator or as a

as an arbitrator or as a mediator. "

M Mitterand addressed the chamber from the podium used by the late President Sadat in November, 1977.

Mr Begin replied from a wheelchair positioned by his usual seat, but the hip injury he is suffering from did nothing to diminish the fierceness of his rhetoric.

He denied that the setting

He denied that the setting up of a Palestinian state in the West Bank would provide

Differences about the palestinian problem have ended the initial harmony of the first visit to Israel by a symmetric justice. "Can the people of France really allow ing the importance of the new rapport with France that happened during the Second has been established by well as the control of the importance of the new rapport with France that happened during the Second has been established by well as the control of the importance of the new rapport with France that happened during the Second has been established by well as the control of the initial harmony of the ini the symmetric justice. "Can the themselves, after all that has happened during the Second World War, to render support French head of state. World War, to render support Mitterrand's election and to the design of handing over now his visit, described the Knesset Parliament today the mountains of Judea and French support for a Palestinian

> Reiteating what had been said during private meetings with the French; Mr Begin described the Palestine Libernot take a strong stand on who did and who did not represent the Palestinians. But he asked how the PLO could expect to sit at the ation Organization (PLO) charter as the "Arab edition of Mein Kamp".

> of Mein Kamp".
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> He quoted from an exchange which he said took place in London two weeks ago between "Mr el-Hassen, "Arafat's [the PLO leader] aide", and a correspondent of the Israeli newspaper Davar.
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> could expect to sit at the negotiating table while it denied Israel's right to exist. The French leader, who had avoided reference to the Palestinian question during the first day of his visit, said the essential conditions for negotiations between Israelis and Arabs were "preliminary"

Mr el-Hassan was quoted as saying: "Zionism is the Satan. We don't negotiate mutual renunciation of direct and indirect war".

Later M Claude Cheysson, the French Foreign Minister, who had come in for criticism during Mr Begin's address, held private talks with a number of West Bank leaders, including two of the most radical mayors Mr Satan. \
with it."

On Israel, he allegedly said: "If it is based on the Zionist doctrine, then it has no right of existence, and we have no intention of negotiat-ing with it."

Gaddafi threatens to go to war with US

From Robert Fisk, Beirut, March 4

leader, appears to be on the verbal warpath once again. Only a day after he claimed that the United States had conspired with Saudi Arabia to starve Libya of its oil market, he announced in unreasonable in international Tripoli today that if America relations because America is violated Libya's territorial a big power and its relations

word will begin between us and them, war with planes, navies, missiles and every-

navies, missiles and everything."

In August last year, two
American fighters shot down
two Libyan Air Force jets
over the Gulf of Sirte during
United States navel United States naval manoeuvres in the Mediterranean. The incident was followed by a series of antagonistic speeches by Colonel Gaddafi against the

obligingly returned in kind.

The Libyan leader long ago
realized that to be a public
enemy of the United States was to gain the favour of Third World countries and left-wing Arab pations. The of Saudi Arabia. American's have never failed to support this image by denouncing the coloned as a terrorist leader.

The Saudis, according to the Libyan leader, were trying to "drown" the world oil market in crude oil at the

Angered by what he regarded as an American boycott of Libyan oil sales in the United States, Colonel Gaddafi said that he would

Colonel Gaddafi, the Libyan "be ready to sit down face to face and negotiate with America to discuss what we can do to establish relations

between two countries in this

world.
"But this boycott is unreasonable in international waters us country would go with smaller countries should be unbiased. America is with smaller countries should be unbiased. America should have self-respect and not attack a small country like of Sidra [Sirte]," he told a Libya which has only two to rally in the Libyan capital, three million inhabitants."

"war in the full sense of the word will begin between us colored to recommend them." Colonel Gaddafi's latest fulminations as a product of

In the past, the Egyptian leadership has always formed the object of Colonel Gaddafi's hatred with Saudi Arafollowed by a series of fi's hatred with Saudi Arantagonistic speeches by bia's monarchy running a close second. Now Saudi Arabia is being portrayed as onslaught which President an American lackey while all Reagan's Administration obligingly returned in kind.

The Libyan leader long ago

The Libyan leader lon is looking forward to some kind of rapprochement with the Egyptians under Presi-dent Mubarak, at the expense

> cheapest price because they wanted to "starve" Libya. "Saudi Arabia bas declared a war of famine, an economic was against us" he said.

37 Sinai families evicted

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, March 4

Security forces stepped up the eviction of Israeli squat-ters from Sinai settlements before the scheduled return of the territory to Egypt on April 26. Buses took 37 families from three settle-

families from three settlements today.

The expected rush of Stop
the Withdrwal activists to
resist the evictions did not
materialize. A few approached, but were turned
away. The evicted put up
token resistance.

At Talmei Yosef, where 22
families, were removed, pet-

families were removed, petrol-soaked rags were set ablaze at one entrance to the village and a car parked across a road at another. In the afternoons the forces evicted more people from near Abraham and from

Bona fide residents of the villages are being allowed to stay until March 31. Most accepted compensation and are committed to move. The squatters have taken over-farms and houses of families who have been moved to

An activist said anti-withdrawal movement's moderation was tactical: it was decided to avoid overt confrontations with the Army, but to smuggle sup-porters past road blocks and into the region at night.

Rabbi Meir Kahane, the

Jewish Defence League leader, arrived today at Yamit, the main Sinai settlement, and said he was setting up a new headquarters and vanted volunteers to "meet

Witnesses said soldiers arrived at the settlements today without arms. The squatters delayed evictions but troops were patient. Women soldiers helped the families to pack and men helpee to load lorries. The squatters were taken to Beersheba.

At Talmei Yosef the evic-tion was held up as some families produced papers attesting that they were bona fide residents. One settler was detained on suspicion of forging identity papers.

Radiation kills atom plant man

Toronto, March 4. — An Ontario nuclear worker has died because of radiation in his work, a spokesman for Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd Said today. Another worker at the same plant had a disability award for cancer believed to have been caused or aggravated by radiation.

Both have been long serv-ing employees at the Atomic Energy of Canada nuclear reactor research centre at Chalk River, Ontario, near Ottowa. The company's admission of radiation-related cancers among its former workers

could have important implications for the industry, for standards of radiation ex-posure and for hundreds of nuclear workers in Canada and abroad.

The two men developed typical radiation-related cancers although they never received more than the current maximum permiss-ible dose of radiation during their years at Chalk River. Both received Onatario Workmen's Compensation Board awards in 1981 based company's acknowledgement to the board that their exposure to radiation was a possible or

contributing cause of their One man retired in 1981 after 28 years as a radiation worker. He was diagnosed as having cancer of the skin and neck. The other retired earlier after 31 years' service and was confirmed as suffer-

ing form leukaemia. Chalk River's 2,200 work ers were briefed earlier in the week about the cases, the spokesman said. He added: "We have always believed there was an increased risk of cancer due to radiation

CORRECTIONS

A report from Warsaw published on March 3 stated that the Palestinian Abu Daoud was shot dead there last year. He survived the creek the attack.

A Washington report yesterday

A Washington report yesterday should have stated that \$218.3m (£110m) allocated for space defence represented less than 0.01 per cent of the proposed 1983 United States defence budget.



Mrs Indira Gandhi greeting President Karamanlis of Greece in Delhi at the start of his four-day state visit.

Union fears grow in Greece

From Mario Modiano, Athens, March 4

zations have expresed grave concern over the abrupt changes of leadership in the Greek trade union movement after the Socialist Government came to power.

A combined delegation from the Europen Trade Unions and the International Confederation of Free Trde Unions, which just spent 24 hours in Athens, raised the matter with Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister. The crisis broke out when unions affiliated with the ruling Socialists challenged before a tribunal

International labour organiations have expressed grave
oncern over the abrupt
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Greek trade union movement

the validity of the elections at the lowest process in October.

These unions obtained a sector at 18,580 drachmas court injunction deposing the (£169). This tallies exactly

court injunction deposing the elected leaders of the Greek General Confederation of Labour and appointing a new executive dominated by pro-Government union officials. The verdict of the tribunal has not been issued but the appointed confederation leadership took over the delicate negotiations with employers' associations on the national pay scales.

The Higher Arbitration

with the increases granted by the Government in the public sector. It was known that the Socialist Cabinet was particularly anxious that these levels should not be exceeded as they could upset economic

Opposition critics have accused the Papandreou Government of engineering the takeover of the confeder-The Higher Arbitration ation to neutralize pressures Court fixed minimum wages from its left and its right

Convention fails to halt mass murder

By Caroline Moorehead

The Genocide Convention, drafted in the aftermath of the Second World War by signatories universally horified at the devastation caused by the Nazis, has significantly failed to eradicate what they termed an "odious scourge" against mankind, according to a new report published by the Minority Rights Group, International Action Against Genonational Action Against Genocide. Not merely has it failed
to prevent numerous massacres after decolonization,
and the mass murder of early warning screening system to prevent genocidal
political groups, but the need
'for international protection
against genocide is more
urgent than ever".

Given the United Nations'
Kuper advocates some sort of
early warning screening system to prevent genocidal
conflicts occurring, the appointment of a High Commissioner for Human Rights,
the greentual setting up of an urgent than ever".

by enumerating different non-governmental human variations of the crime, rights organizations every—There is, he says, "domestic where, working to keep such genocide", by which he means that of indigenous people, victims of predatory the development the decimal formational formation of the development the decimal formation of the development the decimal formation of the development the development the decimal formation of the development the decimal formation of the development the develop economic development (the Ache Indians of Paraguay); of tribal minorities after decolonization (the Hutu of Burundi); of racial groups during stuggles for auton-omy (Bangladesh); or against scapegoat groups (the Armenians by the Turks).

But there are also, he argues, the political mass murders — the deportations under Stalin, the slaughter in Uganda — wrongly excluded from the convention. These are , he says "routine are , he says "routine instruments of despotic

That the United Nations convention has failed is not

Given the United Nations' the eventual setting up of an Professor Leo Kuper, international penal court, author of the report, begins and the continuing efforts of

Against Genocide Is the MRG's fifty-third report and appears as the organization celebrates is tenth anniversary. Born in the wake of Biafra, MRG set out to do for minorities what Amnesty International does for individuals: bring to the attention of the world the light of persecuted groups. Like Amnesty, it has tried to report on all geographic and political systems, in as impar-

tial a way as possible. International Action against Genocide by Professor Leo Kuper (£1.20 plus 30p postuge) and the other reports can be bought from MRG, 36 Craven Street, London

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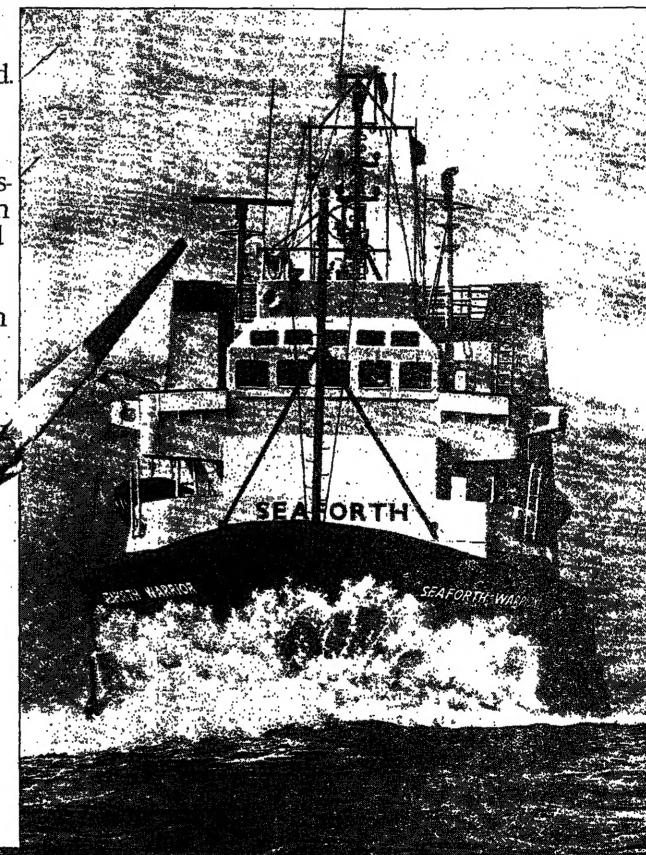
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Britain refuses to accept enforced political exiles

The Government intends to

Warsaw ideologists fight

a war of shadows

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw, March 4

ates, including General Jaru-zelski, wanted to tread a

middle path, accepting the need for controlled change but resisting anything that would challenge the "geopolitical realities" — membership of the Warson Pact, neighbours relations with

neighbourly relations with the Soviet Union.

before martial law was de-

clared in December, these "moderates" became almost indistinguishable from the

"hardliners", driven into a closer embrace by their sense of threat about the growth and influence of Solidarity. Radical reformers like Fis-

zbach became isolated, their

position, in the view of the party, made untenable by the speed with which Solidarity was developing its political ideas and ambitions. Martial

law declared by General Jaruzelski — perhaps, as the leadership has indicated, to;

head off a Soviet intervention — changed the spectrum.

It no longer became necessary to define party positions in relation to Soli-

darity — the union is sus-

pended and the leadership jailed — and the pressure for

What then, is the gulf dividing Mr Rakowski and Mr Siwak? In a recent interview published in The Times, Mr Rakowski said

"some of my best friends are

in Moscow", and no doubt Mr Siwak would make the same claim. But there seems to be two cardinal differ-

ences between the groupings in the Polish Communist

Party.

First there is disagreement

over the relative importance

of ideology in reconstructing the party, almost fatally eroded by Solidarity over the past 16 months. Mr Hiero-nym Kubiak, regarded as the

most liberal member of the Politburo, says implicitly in his speeches; those who are

example, leave the univer-sities in peace. It is known

that there is great oppositional sentiment in the univer-

sities, but because this is not directly aimed at challenging the party, the party should not interfere, in the Kubiak

codewords "socialist renewal".

But what do these categories, "moderate" and "hardline", really mean? If last
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responsive, in a democratic his speeches; those who are way, to the Polish people's not against us are for us. In needs, answering the questions raised by Solidarity, example, leave the univer-

ers) increased.

In the following months,

threat that had to be force-fully countered. The moder-ates, including General Jaru-combative: those who are not

The British Government has served notice on Poland's military authorities that it

will have no truck with any attempt by them to force unity to present a common front to the Polish authinternees into exile. A statement issued by the Foreign Office yesterday said that the Government had no intention of becoming an accomplice of the Polish authorities in resolving their orities on how to respond to any enforced emigration pol-icy. It is confident that the United States, where most refugees would probably want to go, and Western Europe share its views. internal problems by exerting pressure on internees to leave Poland against their

leave Poland against their will.

Any such move would appear to be at variance with their declared commitment to dialogue and reform, the statement added.

The Foreign Office was responding to an announcement by the Passport Office of the Polish Internal Affairs Ministry that the 4,000 people still interned nearly three months after the imposition of the Passport Office to proceed.

The Government intends to seek an early meeting with the Polish authorities in Warsaw both to press home its condemnation of any pressure on internes and to seek an early meeting with the Polish authorities in Warsaw both to press home its condemnation of any pressure on internes and to seek an early meeting with the Polish authorities in Warsaw both to press home its condemnation of any pressure on interness and to seek an early meeting with the Polish authorities in Warsaw both to press home its condemnation of any pressure on interness and to seek an early meeting with the Polish authorities in Warsaw both to press home its condemnation of any pressure on interness and to seek clarification of details of the Passport Office was responding to an announcement by the Passport Office by the Passport Office was responding to an announcement by the Passport Office was responding to an announcement by the Passport Office was responding to an announcement by the Passport Office was responding to an announcement by the Passport Office was responding to an announcement by the Passport Office was responding to an announcement by the Passport Office was responding to an announcement by the Passport Office was responding to an announcement by the Passport Office was responding to an announcement by the Passport Office was responding to an announcement by the Passport Office was responding to an announcement by the Passport Office was responding to an announcement by the Passport Office was responding to an announcement by the Passport Office was responding to an announcement by the polish passport of the polish passport of the Passport Office still interned nearly three months after the imposition electricians' union, yesterday called on all British and of martial law could apply to emigrate with their families from the middle of this

of martial law could apply to called on all substances of martial law could apply to called on all substances of martial law was lifted in earlier hints from Warsaw Poland. that the military authorities D Washington: The United wanted to get rid of un- States said yesterday it wanted opponents by encouraging them to leave the deplorable Polish Govern-

The Foreign Office said that the Government would only consider applications for resettlement from Polish citizens who genuinely want-ed to leave Poland. Such applications would be dealt A State Department statewith in accordance with ment said: "This is a glaring applications would be dealt

What do you think of Mr

Mieczyslaw Rakowski the Deputy Prime Minister? The

thickset, police-sergeant fea-tures of Mr Albin Siwak contrived a look of simul-

taneous boredom and deep

thought, there was a pause of 10 seconds and then, gruffly:

"This is a complex and one could say a dangerous question. We may both see the way forward but we have different goals."

Mr Siwak, talking in this instance to a foreign television camera, is what West-

ern analysts describe as a hardliner, the toughest, most

vociferously pro-Soviet member of the Politburo. Mr

Rakowski is what analysts

Characterize as a liberal Marxist, or "moderate". Both are leading members of the Polish United Workers'

Party which showed itself yet

again, at the Central Com-mittee session last week, to

be neither united nor of great

relevance to the workers. Even so, general Wojciech

Jaruzelski could visit Mos-cow this week with at least the feeling that his "moder-

ate" line had triumphed and that Moscow would acknow-

ledge the desirability of limited reform, under the codewords "socialist re-

week's plenum proved any-thing, it was that the old labels have become redun-

dant and are more of a

handicap than an aid to

understanding the Polish situation. How "moderate", for example, is it to keep more than 4,000 people interned without trial for

At the emergency party

congress last summer it was

possible to talk realistically of reformists, moderates and

hardliners because the reference point of Solidarity, the independent trade union movement, still existed. The liberal reformers in the party

were those like Tadeusz Fiszbach of Gdansk, who wanted to create a party

indeed in some ways competing against it as the voice of
the workers.

The hardliners — though
some, like Mr Stefan

Olszowski, conceded the need

for economic reform - saw

over two months?

writes).

regime's inability to meet the such immigrants.
The Government is already democratic aspirations of the vast majority of the Polish consulting its allies in Nato and the European Comm-

□ Warsaw: Fifteen detainee: have asked permission to leave the country, the official news agency PAP reported yesterday (AFP reports).

A senior Foreign Ministry official said 219 people had been released from detention camps while 64 others had been interned since February 23. Mr Jerzy Urban, the government spokesman; added that the militia had so far seized 696, weapons, including machine guns and

The Polish authorities said last week that people de-tained under martial law could be released provided they promised not to threaten state interests. Mr Urban today specified that the required declaration of loy-alty was legal and not political in character.

It was announced thast 42,000 poles who were abroad when martial law was pro-claimed had returned to Poland while 96,000 remained ment policy of forced emi-gration of critics would succeed given the fact that the overwhelming majority of the Polish people opposed martial law (Mohsin Ali outside the country. Any Polish citizen, even those who made prior requests for political asylum, could return and no sanctions would be taken against those "who did not carry out activities histile towards Poland".

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for us are against us. The

logical conclusion of this is the instrument of the purge. Mr Siwak is on record as saying that the three liberal Central Committee members

Central Committee members ousted at the plenum last week were only the beginning. The drive is towards ideological purity, a drive supported in the provinces by the new local party chiefs who see it as the best way of stamping on Solidarity sympathisers in the party and consolidating their own power.

These differences, so evident at the party leadership level, — the Central Com-

mittee cannot even agree on a draft document entitled

What Are We Fighting For, Where Are We Going? — are

extended to the state level. For Mr Siwak and the people

he speaks for, a firm Marxist-Leninist base is a

condition for national recovery. For Mr Kubiak, and indeed, for General Jaruzelski,

but between ideologues and

Naturally,

technocrats.

command.

Zimbabwe white MPs abandon Ian Smith

From Stephen Taylor Salisbury, March 4

Seven MPs of the white Republican Front resigned today in the culmination of a long simmering rebellion against the leadership of Mr Ian Smith and the party's attitude towards the government of Zimababwe.

The resignations of the

The resignations of the seven, who are not forming a new party and will sit as independents, leaves the Front with only 10 members in the House of Assembly.

There was no official response from the ruling Zanu (PF) Party of Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, but Mr Didymus Mutasa, the Speaker of the House who was informed House who was informed earlier, said Mr Mugabe would welcome the resignations.

Front policy and its failure to respond to the reconcili-ation espoused by the Government, was criticized at a plain-speaking caucus meet-ing this morning. At a meeting afterwards the seven, who had been con-sidering resigning for several months, decided that there were insufficient grounds for

were insufficient grounds for them to remain in the party. The rebels are Mr Chris-topher Andersen, who ar-ranged a meeting between his constituents and Mr Mugabe two weeks ago, Mr Richard Cartwright, Mr Henry El-sworth, Mr Willian Irvine, Mr Famond Mickley Mr Paddy Esmond Micklem, Mr Paddy Shields and Mr James

national recovery is a matter of problem-solving that requires every possible instrument, ideology being one

They speculated that they might be joined by Mr John Landau, the Chief Whip, who If the best way to cure the is out of the country at

economy involves using non-present.

Marxist methods, then that Mr Th
has to be pursued; if the best had dec Mr Thrush said that they had decided to resign be-cause they felt they were no longer able to represent their way to solve youth discontent is to meet young people's longer able to represent the material needs, then let us constituencies adequately as members of the Front and some of the views more cars. The real distinction then is expressed in the party were totally opposed to their own. not between hardliners, moderates and reformists, It was the intention of the seven to work for the successful development of

because technocrats are Zimbabwe in cooperation judged by their ability to solve practical problems, they are inclined to compromise and consensus. In the politburo, the technocrats no attack on the man who led are often those with additional ministerial responsibility or generals, for they have realized that ideology is not the only instrument of official independence.

Man or Mr Smith, they made no attack on the man who led the party and white Rhodesia throughout the years of unilateral independence and the guerrilla war which led to official independence. Mr Thrush said he retained Most of the erstwhile a tremendous admiration for

Marxist reformers — Mr Mr Smith. Rakowski, Mr Stanislaw The form The former Prime Minisminister — are in the singly alienated from Mr Government and not the Politburo because the spirit said that the resignations, could not have come at a expressed within the framework of day to day governmental decision-making. Ciosek, the trade union ter, who has become increa-minister — are in the singly alienated from Mr Government and not the Mugabe and his colleagues, cult the times, the more important it is to stay mental decision-making, important it is to stay rather than in the tight together", he said. confines of the Politburo Asked whether the split might cause him to stand down he said: 'I think it

Argentina steps up Falklands pressure

issuing ill-defined threats of action against the Falkland Islands, the Argentine military Government appears to have then a deliberate decision to raise the temperature on this

the temperature on this sensitive issue.

Both in Britain and Argentina there are strong feelings about the future of the islands. In Argentina it is believed that they are rightly part of Argentine territory, in spite of having beeen ruled by Britain since 1833, and that they should be handed back.

In Britain it is government policy, repeated on Wednes-day by Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, that there can be no contemplation of any transfer of sovereignty without consulting the wishes of the island-ers, or without the consent of the House of Commons.

The decision to press the issue more aggressively bears the mark of General Leopolde Galtieri, who took over as President of Argentina last December. But it is still not clear whether he intends to take coercive action against the islanders if he does not get a satisfactory response from Britain, or whether he is primarily using the issue to drum up support

inside Argentina. As a last resort, Argentina has the military capacity to take over the islands, which are about 300 miles from the mainland. There are only about 1,800 inhabitants, defended by a Royal Marines platoon and a force of local volunteers, in all a total of fewer than 100 men.

But it would lead to a serious crisis with Britain; and the Argentine forces could have considerable diffi-

culties in taking the airport, where the Marines are de-It is more likely, therefore,

that pressure would be exerted at a lower level. Press reports in Buenos Aires, where the issue has gentina has considerable support on the issue), a break in economic or rolls cal relations. break in economic or politi-cal relations with Britain, or a total rupture of relations

with Britain.
It would also be possible for Argentina to bring direct pressure to bear on the islands because of their remoteness. Apart from a ship which sails from Tilbury four times a year, the only communications with the outside world are by means of a limited air service provided by the Argentine Air Force. This could be cut

To do this would, however be a reversal of the policy followed in recent years of winning over the islanders by good relations rather than

There are different views of how to tackle the issue in Buenos Aires. Some military men would be ready for a military solution, while offi-cials in the Foreign Ministry show more understanding of the complexity of the issue and are ready for a more gradual approach.
Talks bave been held on

and off for several years, but



Pathologist tells women to avoid IUDS

From Christopher Thomas

New York, March 4 An American pathologist is urging the three million American women who use intrauterine devices to find another form of contracep-

tions. He says the organism Actinomyces thrives in the environment created by the devices. "Every IUD can cause this organism. I would not tell my sister, my wife or my daughter to use an IUD." His research findings are published in the latest issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association. He says that only about 10 per says that only about 10 per cent of women using the devices show no signs of being infected with Actinomyces. Childless women should not use the devices because they could distort and scar the uterus and fallopian tubes, leading to permenent infertility.

Dr Gupta of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in Baltimore. Maryland, said

in Baltimore, Maryland, said today that women who use the devices should undergo an annual smear test for the detection of Actinomyces, which can spread to the liver, intestines and brain. long as you have a foreign body in the uterus you are

going to have problems with it," he added.

An 18-year-old girl who claims she became seriously lil through using menstrual hijacked Air Tanzania airtampons has begun a \$2m craft returned from London (£1.1m) damages suit against in the same Boeing 737 which (£1.1m) damages suit against the makers, Procter and Gamble (Reuter reports).

Lawyers for Deletha Dawn Lampshire claim the tampons orities held the aircraft and caused her to suffer toxic shock syndrome, a potentially fatal condition

The Lampshire case is the first of 200 filed against tampon manufacturers to

reason for refusing the application but last mouth the Government announced that it would limit high level visits between the two countries as part of Western pressure against martial law in Poland.

Canada deports Sinn Fein man

Toronto. — Canada has deported Mr Edward Howell, a member of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the IRA. He was arrested on charges of illegal entry last month with four other men at a border checkpoint in Buffalo, New York. Immi-gration officials escorted Mr Howell to an aircraft for

Kidnappers free Bikini King

Bovalino, Italy. — Kidnappers released Signor Giovanni, a bathing suit manufacturer known as the "Bikini King", after his family paid a 1,500m lire (about £650,000) ransom. He

Montevided — Uruguay's military Government has ordered the opposition weekly newspaper Opinar to stop publishing for the next eight weeks, editorial staff said, because the paper had at-tacked the Government's policies on press freedom.

ot interfere, in the Kubiak where most decisions have to be justified in terms of By contrast, Mr Siwak's ideological purity. Solidarity as a threat to Communist Party control, a Pipeline sanctions worry Moscow

A commentary by Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya said Western Europe repeatedly had made it clear to the American Government that it was not going to pull out of the project, but the Americans were now trying to invoke sanctions not only against the Soviet Union but against West European firms ings for the Soviet Union. taking part in the deal.

The commentary did not say that President Reagan has decided to delay a decision on whether to prohibit the export of parts to the Soviety Union by European subsidiaries of American firms until hearing the

project set a very dangerous trend in the international division of labour.

There is no doubt the Russians are seriously worried by Washington's campaign against the pipeline, which is of critical importance in ensuring future valuable hard currency earnings for the Soviet Union

The Russians have been heartened by the insistence of West Germany, the main Western financier of the £5,000m project, on going ahead with the supply of high-pressure steel pipes, agreed in contracts signed last autumn. But Moscow is atmospheres and would be used to transport gas. Another report yesterday said the Russians had begun full-scale production of heavy-duty pipe-laying equipment and machinery for automatic welding of large pipes.

30 However, the key parts that the Russians will have to

tial parts for the pipeline and its pumping stations them-

Reacting sharply to President Reagan's campaign to prevent the construction of the 3,000-mile gas pipeline from Siberia to Western Europe, the Russians said today the pipeline epitomized the differences between the United States and its Nato allies.

From Michael Binyon, Moscow, March 4

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The gas pipeline is due to be completed by 1984, and is the biggest project of the current five-year plan. It is essential if the Russians are to exploit the vast, untapped gas reserves of the Urengoi field and in the Yamal peninsula in the far north of Sibasia

The gas will be piped to the Czechoslovak border and then on for distribution to six Western countries. Gas exports amounting to 40,000 million cubic metres a year are expected to compensate for the falling demand for Soviet oil, which is becoming for the vicarage in an idyllic increasingly expensive to village, for heaven's sake increasingly expensive

speaks it From Patricia Clough

Bonn, March 4 Britons beware: A wave of German tourists may arrive this summer inviting you to schnorters at the vatering hole and, possibly, getting

English,

as Denis

their knickers in a tvist.

The weekly Die Zeit is treating its readers to the ultimate course: "(Un)learn English with Denis Thatcher." For the next 12 weeks they

will be taught to speak airily of wooftahs, yobboes and tinctures, which, they are assured, is the jargon of assured, is the jargon of British clubs, stately homes and managerial suites.

Die Zeit calls it "Denisisch" because, it maintains, no one speaks it better than Mr Denis Thatcher, husband of the Prime Ministrative and the control of the prime Ministrative to the prime Ministrat

ter. It admits it is heavily indebted to Private Eye, the satirical magazine, whose regular "Dear Bill" feature regular "Dear Bill" feature evidently amounts to a basic textbook of the language.

The daunting task of initiating Germans into the meaning of force eighters, reading the Riot Act and TTFN has been taken on by Herr Karl Heinz Wocker, Die Zeit's London correspondent. Zeit's London correspondent a keen observer of Britain's

weird social customs.

Herr Wocker assures readers that Mr Thatcher really speaks like this — he personally has heard him say "Sod this for a lark" which is, in German, (approximately) "Verflixt und mately) Zugenaht".

In his introductory article
Herr Wocker warns Germans
to be careful where they use

"Denisisch".
"Please do not tell your London taxi driver: "Take me to your talking shop" when you want to go the Commons, and if you are looking. for the vicarrain an idealist. don't ask for the "sky pilot".

Liberals fail to win **Johannesburg**

From Michael Hornsby Johannesburg, March 4

gressive Federal Party (PFP) other end of the political made striking gains in yesterday's municipal and rural council elections in the Transvaal, but failed by one seat to wrest control of Johannesburg, South Africa's biggest city, from the ruling National Party (NP).

The inconclusive outcome in Johannesburg where other end of the political spectrum, by the near-fascist and virulently racist Herstige Nasionale Party (HNP) of Mr Jaap Marais, which won six of the 36 seats on the Pretoria council and also came close to winning one of Johannesburg outcome The HNP has no seats in Parliament.

in Johannesburg, where neither the PFP nor the NP gained a clear victory, was a bitter disappointment to the PFP's leaders, and took some of the gloss off the party's. capture of the adjoining municipalities of Sandton and Randburg, and of three wards in the NP stronghold

The two-month-long election campaign, which received almost as much press coverage as a general election, was dominated by the PFP's promise to open swimming pools and other public amenitation. amenities to all races, and the poll was widely viewed as a test of public readiness for further relaxation of apart-

The PFP will undoubtedly use the result to argue that the National Party, having shed its die-hard right wing, now has no excuse for not pressing ahead with promised reforms of the apartheid system. It has long been the PFP's claim that not only English-speaking but also Afrikaans-speaking public opinion is more liberal than the Government admits.

The picture was also mud- support,

The anti-apartheid Pro- died by the gains made at the gressive Federal Party (PFP) other end of the political

Parliament. Another victory for the extreme rightwing was the defeat of the mayor of Randfontein, a mining town to the west of Johannesburg, by Dr Connie Mulder, the disgraced former Information Minimum Control of the Market Minimum Control of the Minimum Control o mation Minister at the centre of the Muldergate scandal and contender for the succession to Mr John Vorster as Prime Minister. He now leads the National Conserva-tive Party, which also has no

Broadly, the election result comfirms the pattern set at last April's election where the NP, which still commands a huge majority in Parliament despite this week's expulsion of 16 rightwing MPs, lost votes to both the right and left. This has been the historic fate of most ruling parties in South Africa where (contary to Broadly, the election result Africa where (contary to orthodox political wisdom) it has generally been a mistake to try to hold the middle

Control of Johannesburg seems likely to hang in the balance for some days. The PFP won 23 seats and the NP the Government admits.

This argument would be more convincing, however, if there had been a clearer verdict in Johannesburg, and if, the turnout had been bigger. Figures are not yet available but it seens unlikely that more than two fifths of Transvaal's all-white electorate of more than a million went to the polls.

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Turks asked to spare unionists Geneva. — The International Labour Organization

has appealed to Turkey not to impose death sentences on 52 trade unionists on trial in Istanbul. The ILO's freedom of association said leaders of the Disk trade union feder-

ation were being tried in military courts, and that Turkey's Government, which regarded the trade unionists as terrorists, had not adequately responded to ILO inquiries. It also said that a lawyer for Disk, Mrs Yardimci, had both legs broken under torture last.

The plane now arriving . . .

Dar es Salaam. — A planeload of Tanzanians who set off on a 500-mile internal flight have finally arrived here — a week and 9,500 miles later.

Passengers and crew of the persuaded the hijackers to surrender. A crowd of several thousand broke into cheers as the aircraft touched down at Dar es Salaam international airport carrying 71 passengers and

Cosmonaut denied visa

Bonn.—The West German Government has refused to issue a visa to Valentina Tereschkova, the first Russian woman cosmonaut, who had been invited by the West German Communist Party to attend a women's conference

and a party meeting.
The Foreign Office gave no

was abducted on October 21, and lost 40lb in captivity. Police said his health was

Newspaper banned

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NEWS IN

SUMMARY

Bandit chief

dies in

shootout

Dehli. — One of India's most notorious bandit chiefs has been killed in a gunbattle

with police. Thirteen of his men and a policeman also died in a seven-hour chase and final showdown (Trevor

and final showdown (Trevor Fishlock writes).
According to reports here gang leader Chhabiram who had a 100,000 rupee (£6,006) price on his head, was discovered by Uttar Pradesh police near Mainpuri, about 150 miles south-east of Delhi, He and his men fled with police in pursuit. They ran all day and were cornered in a village last night, The final shootout lasted for 90

Chhabiram had been a bandit for 10 years and was wanted for scores of naurders

and kidnappings. When the battle was over police recovered from the bandits a

light machine gun and several automatic rifles.

upside down

St John's, Newfoundland,

The oil drilling rig Ocean
Ranger has been found
upside down on the ocean
floor near where it disappeared on February 15 with
the loss of 34 lives, Mobil Oil
Canada, said.

"Although the data is

Canada, said.

"Although the data is sketchy and inconclusive, it has been determined the rig-

is lying upside down in about 265ft of water some 300ft east of the wellhead", the company said, adding that divers in two midget submarines had taken pictures of the wreck.

Oil rig found

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New effort to find Indonesia Namibia formula

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington, March 4 The five-nation Western will not produce a result that

ontact group is to make a new attempt within the next few days to resolve a problem which is holding up final agreement on the first phase of their revised settlement plan for Namibia (South-West Africa).

The nive-nation western will not produce a result that is undemocratic.

Another option would be for the five Western nations to ask South Africa to accept a revised election procedure. This would not go down well with Pretoria which in the past has accused the Western nations of double dealing and

The problem centres on the nations of double-dealing and precede the granting of Only when agreement had independence to the disputed been reached on this issue

system half the seats in the constiment assembly would be filled by proportional This phase is expected to be representation and the other even more difficult than the half by single member con-stimencies. The aim is to Meanwhil make it more difficult for the Rockefeller haif by single member constituencies. The aim is to Meanwhile, Mr David Meanwhile, West Africa People's chairman of the Chase Manoraganization (Swapo) to obtain the two-thirds resumption of diplomatic majority in the assembly relations between the United needed for constitutional schanges and thereby to regime in Angola. He said provide assurances to South Africa and the territory's tour he did not think African Marxism threatened American interests.

rights will be protected. The proposal has been The United States has linked the establishment of normal relations with the withdrawal of between 15,000 accepted by South Africa but rejected by Swapo and the black "front line" states. The black "front line" states. The five members of the contact group — Britain, the Usited States, France, West Germany and Canada — are now considering ways to get around this impasse.

One option would be for the contact group to go back to the black states and try to convince them that the election plam is not as complicated as it appears and swithdrawal of between 15,000 and 20,000 Cuban troops from Angola.

I Pretoria: South Africa denied an official Angolan report that Swapo guerrillas has destroyed a South African base at Okaho in Namibia in a battle last Saturday (AFP reports). A Defence Ministry spokesman said there was no complicated as it appears and such camp.

'banished 4,000 to island'

Jakarta, March 4.—Indone-sia transported 4,000 people from East Timor to a tiny island after a military operation against East Timor Guerrillas of the Fretelin independence movement, a Red Cross official said today. Mr David Delapraz, an Inter-"one-man-two-votes" pro- of going back on points of posal for constituent as- which had already been national Red Cross regional delegate, added that he and a Only when agreement had team from the organization last month interviewed some of the 806 families, moved in 1981 and now officially described as temporarily displaced. acqual setting up of elections.

He refused to comment on their condition. They were seen by his team on Atauro island, in the South Banda sea 20 miles from Dili, capital of East Timor, the former

Portuguese colony
The annexation, not recognized by the United Nations, was followed by fighting between Indonesian troops and Fretelin guerrillas which has continued intermittently.

Mr Delanraz said the the Ded Mr Delapraz said tha the Red Cross would give the Indoneian Government tomorrow a confidential report

Mr Delapraz said the Red Cross, concerned by possible victures among the civil population, first asked to visit Atauro in October amid reports that many people had been displaced in an East Timor military sweep. Indonesian officials said most of the East Timor nationals moved there had been sent for security resease. for security reasons and some for their own protection. - Reuter.



Child's play: A youthful member of Chad's regular Army ready for battle with insurgents.

Peruvian province declares state of emergency

attack on a prison by left-wing guerrillas in which more than 200 inmates were freed.

Constitutional guarantees were suspended and large numbers of police with extra powers of search and arrest were rushed to the provincial capital 190 miles south east

Lima, March 4. — The Officials said 12 guerrillas is much better prepared than eradicated most of the guerrillas cells.

The province of Ayacu-and two prison guards were killed when attackers armed with machine guns and time in six months after 14 dynamite stormed the prison on Tuesday.

Ayacucho, a remote, Anshattered on Sunday when a first attempt was made to been the focus of extremist violence since President from Ayacucho's jail Four

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The assault, by suspected members of a Maoist group called Sendero Luminoso (Lighted Path), was the most serious incident of guerrilla violence since the restoration of democracy 19 months ago. General José Gagliardi, the Interior Minister, said: "We

been the focus of extremist violence since President Fernando Belaunde Terry assumed office in July, 1980 after 12 years of military rule.

Two nights later about 150 military rules.

are faced with a force which

shattered on Sunday when a ecution by firing squad as firsts attempt was made to "Zionist agents" if they from Ayacucho's jail. Four Bahais have always been prisoners were killed and an labelled as supporters of the

A 60-day state of emerg-second assault, Using dyna-

Hongkong **Bahais** petition for asylum

OVERSEAS NEWS_

From Our Correspondent Hongkong, March 4

Several Iranians of the Bahai faith living in Hongkong are seeking sanc-tuary in other countries after being ordered by the Tehran Government to return home to face charges over unspeci-

fied crimes.

The group, believed to number less than a dozen among the estimated 1,500 Bahais in Hongkong, are seeking status in Hongkong and elsewhere, fearing they will be the next victims of a "religious purge with politi-cal significance" if they return to Iran, Mr Steve Townsend, their, Hongkong

spokesman, said.

At least 100 Bahais —
whose religious sect believes
in the oneness of God, world government, sexual equality and the inportance of education — have been executed in Iran under the

Islamic regime, The Hongkong Bahais, who strongly deny any anti-revolution actions, fear exescape was foiled.

Two nights later about 150

Zionist group and anti-revolutionaries", Mr Townsend

The Iranian consulate in ency was imposed in the mite to blast open the prison province last October after a gates, they burst inside rounded up hundreds of armed struggle" and "Long will not be renewed when suspects and claimed to have

Yugoslavia 3 | Church tells warns Belgium

From Dessa Trevisan Belgrade, March 4

The Yugoslav Government has reacted strongly to the attack by gunnen in Brus-sels, in which two Yugoslavs were killed and several wounded, by accusing the Belgian authorities of doing nothing to hinder terrorist

In a sharply worded pro-test that reflects serious apprehension at continuing anti-Yugoslav activities, especially since last year's ethnic riots in the Kosovo region, the Yugoslav Government gave a warning that relations between Belgrade

relations between Belgrade and Brussels were being seriously affected.
Yesterday the gunmen walked into the Yugoslav cultural club in Brussels, pulled out a sub-machine gun, killed two men and injured at least three others. and escaped in a waiting car.

despite its warning to Bel-gium of continuing acts of terrorism against Yugoslav diplomats and migrant work-ers, the Belgian authorities have failed to take matters more firmly in hand. Bel-grade also accused the Belgians of leniency, which is regarded here as encouraging incident like yesterday's.

Behind this apprehension

the anniversary of the Kosovo riots which began last
March at the university

Since then there has been a bureau, and several clubs of yugoslav migrant workers were attacked, culminating in the assassination of a member of the Yugoslav embassy for years.

Fugitive for 38 years

From Michael Binyon Moscow, March 4 For 38 years Maksim retribution. The Soviet Union Poltavets escaped retribution is merciless in the pursuit of for his part in the wartime war criminals, and there is execution of villagers by no statute of limitations to

German occupation forces in the Ukraine. When the Red about a dozen people are shot Army swept in to liberate his for crimes committed 40

almost blind, unshaven and ment lawyers, investigating dressed in rags, who had naturalized Americans sus-

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his family when Nazi troops camp guards and policemen

withdrew from the Lvov with the Nazis, were given

Eventually his father and mission on the Jewish Holo-

for the old and broken man. criminals from any other

faces firing squad

village, he shut himself away years ago. in his house, and he remained there in virtual darkness until a few weeks

Now an old man of 71, he

was discovered by neigh-bours and hauled before a

village meeting, where several older people accused him

of serving as a policeman with the Germans and killing

the villagers of Novosyelits

and a group of Red Army

soldiers. They voted to put him on trial. If found guilty, he will probably be shot.

A generation after the end

of the war, fugitives are still

being discovered in hiding.

Last year the authorities

found a 61-year-old man,

region in 1944. He had worked for the occupation forces as a bricklayer and was branded as a collaborator

other close relatives died,

and when police led him into

daylight he had lost all sense

of time. Unusually, it was decided not to punish him for

the "misdemeanours of his

youth" and work was found

But others do not escape country.

by the local population.

of torture in Bolivia

can interests.

From John Enders La Paz, March 4

Roman Catholic Church in Bolivia says it has proof that prisoners in the paramilitary security jail of La Paz are regularly subjected to brutal torture despite President Celso Torrelio Villa's pledge that his government fully respects

human rights.

The allegations are contained in a written report to the bishops' meeting in Santa Cruz de la Sierra from the archdiocese's ecumenical aid office, established to aid political prisoners and their families.

families.

It says the 80 prisoners in the La Paz jail have been tortured in recent days: "The statistical balance of repression shows that, far from having entered a period of gun, killed two men and injured at least three others, constant threat of arrest and torture.

Several Argentine adviser and at least one Italian citizen were said to be members of the interrogation teams working with the security apparatus here since the military seized power in July, 1980, in a coup led then by former-president Luis

by former-y-Garcia Meza. General Torreilo came to on September 4 but including lies the fact that the Yugos-lays have been expecting less the fact that the lays have been expecting tary men in the Government, say he is not fully in control by ethnic Albanians to mark of the Koso of the security agents working the layer of the layer

Those sources say that Señor Freddy Quiroga, who heads the feared paramilitary series of incidents in Belgium against Yugoslav diplomats and institutions: a bomb exploded in the Yugoslav diplomations office, there was arson in the Yugoslav tourist are and exploded to the Yugoslav tourist are and explosive tourist and ex

Many war criminals are brought to light by painstak-ing investigation by the KGB

security police and the study

of captured wartime docu-

ments. In the turmoil of the

German retreat from Russia.

many of the thousands of collaborators managed to slip away and change their docu-

The Russians frequently

accuse the West of harbour-

ing war criminals and being deliberately slack in pros-ecuting them. But the Soviet

authorities are quick to cooperate in providing evi-

dence for trials in the West.

help and documents here which they said could lead to

the deportation of up to 350 people.
The Presidential Com-

caust was offered wide-rang-

ing help in the Soviet Union.

Three years ago the Ameri-

can Attorney-General told

the Jewish organization B'nai B'rith that he had not had so

much support in seeking war

In 1980 American govern-

ments and identities.

To the 92 MPs of Greater London.

The Fares Fair Policy, introduced for Londoners on October 4th 1981, was meant to make the public transport systems more accessible to everyone. It increased efficiency through greater use of the available services. It allowed simpler, lower fares.

On March 21st 1982, fares will go up, signalling the end of what was a bold and imaginative piece of planning. If nothing is done before March 21st, there will be some dramatic changes to the costs and quality of working and travelling in London. Fares will double. Uneconomic tube stations may close. Some bus services may have to go altogether. All services will be reduced.

Higher fares will result in more people driving to work, simply because their car will be cheaper to use. London's streets will be more jammed. There will be more rogue parking. More chaos. More accidents.

Is that fair on London?

Most other cities in the modern world have decided long ago that public transport is a social service. As much a social service as hospitals and education. New York subsidises to the tune of 72% of costs,

excluding depreciation and renewal costs. On the same basis, the figure for Milan is 71%. Brussels 70%, Paris 56%. London, with the Fares Fair Policy, subsidised its public

transport system by 46% - still way down in the League

And, following the rulings of the Court of Appeal and the \cdot Law Lords, the subsidy figure for London's public transport

will fall, after March 21st, to as little as 12%. The cost of Fares Fair to the London ratepayer was

almost doubled by the penalties imposed by the Government withholding block grant.

Is this fair on Londoners?

The issue of London's public transport system demands your immediate attention. It is not a political "football". It is a social issue with enormous implications on the present and future quality of life in London.

Changes to the law are necessary. Rational thinking makes that fact obvious.

Do you know how your own constituents feel about London Transport? Its value to the community as a whole? Its relevance to working and living in London in 1982? As ratepayers, as travellers - as Londoners?

We are asking them to contact you. Give them a fair hearing. And, as their elected representatives, act on their behalf for the good of London.

If you think your MP may miss this announcement, why not send it to him expressing your views? Fill in the coupon.

House of Commons, Westminster, London, SWIA GAA. I call on the Government to take immediate action to enable the GLC to maintain its present low fares policy without any reduction in services.

To: The Member of Parliament for.....

Tell your MP to act NOW!

Caning and the European Court

The judges who will put a stop to whacking

The days of beatings—"le vice Anglais", as it is known on the Continent—are numbered, at cast in the classroom. Although there has been pressure for decades to abolish caning, it is taking the intervention of European judges sitting in Strasbourg to hammer the final nail into what has remained a remarkably

lively coffin.

If last week's judgment by the European Court of Human Rights does not persuade the Government to abolish corporal punishment once and for all, a cluster of cases now in Strasbourg or about to go are bound to force its hand. This is because last week's decision did not actually look at whether beating was wrong itself. itself. It concerned two Scottish cases — those of Gordon Campbell and Jeffrey Cosans — who had not been beaten. Cosans was told to report for the belt after he had broken a school rule but he refused and was suspended from school. Campbell's mother had asked the regional education authority for an assurance that her son would not be belted but this was refused.

The European judges did not therefore rule on whether beating was an inhuman or degrading punishment contrary to Article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights. But they did rule that another provision of the convention had been breached that parents have the right to have their children educated in conformity with their own re-ligious and philosophical convictions. This means that parents now have the right to refuse to allow their children to be beaten at school. Other cases lodged with the

European Commission (this human rights structure has, incidentally, nothing to do with the EEC) are likely to result in full-scale abolition because bearings took place. One complaint concerns another Scottish boy, Peter Brock, who received one stroke of the belt, allegedly for laughing in class. He was 15 at the time and attending Crieff High School, in Tayside.

Initially Brock refused to take the belt and says it was only after vigorous interrogation by the head and other teachers, and after he had been forced to sign a confession, that he agreed to be tit. He says he was forced to stand in the school entrance for some time while he thought about it and that he was excluded from. school for several days. Eventu-ally Brock left school before taking his O grades, the Scottish public exams, because he could stand the school no longer. His lawyers will be arguing that the incident affected his career prospects and that he should be handsomely compensated. A second case, which is about

to be filed in Strasbourg, concerns Alan Green, who at the ageof 14 was caned and then slippered at his school, Abbs Cross comprehensive in the outer London borough of Havering. When he first started at the school his mother, Sylvia Green, wrote to the chairman of the education committee, the chief education officer and the school saving she did not want himbeaten. She was informed he

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would be subject to the same discipline as others. He was caned after he and three other boys had been caught flicking stones through the doorway of an

"It was silly behaviour and don't want to make excuses for it but nothing was broken as far as I know," said Mrs Green. The slippering, which, incidentally, was a method of corporal punishment not permitted in the authority's regulations, took place after Alan had been seen writing on another boy with a felt tip per

After that, Mrs Green asked the new head for an assurance that if her son was going to be beaten, she would like 24 hours notice. This was refused. She therefore wrote to Mr Mark Carlisle, the former Education Secretary, asking him to rule that Havering was acting unreason-ably. He declined and Mrs Green felt she had no choice but

to pursue her own legal action.

The case which is most advanced in Strasbourg — it was submitted in 1979 — concerns a boy from Derbyshire who was severely beaten shortly after he started at his secondary school at the age of 11. (His parents do not want him to be identified at this stage). He needed medical attention and the doctor examining him was so horrified that he advised calling the police. The police decided not to prosecute.

As well as these three cases, there are four others filed where children have been beaten, two of whom are girls. There are also two more cases, likely to be decided shortly, similar to those of Campbell and Cosans. One concerns John Townend, who missed his last term at a Rotherham school because herefused to be caned, and the other Anthony Durairai who other Anthony Durairaj, who missed the last six months of schooling in Birkenhead for the same reason and ended up with no qualifications.

Durairaj's parents were taken to court for not sending him to school and Wallasey magistrates fined them £50 each and ordered them to pay £200 in costs. It would be surprising if they were not awarded substantial damages in any settlement if they were net awarded substantial damages in any settlement with the United Kingdom. Anthony Durairaj has been unemployed ever since.

How do they keep order in class?

The number of canings at Eaglesfield comprehensive school in Woolwich, south London, was averaging about 200 a term until corporal punishment was banned by the Inner London Education Authority almost exactly a year ago. Dr William Chapman, the head, was a great believer in the effectiveness of the cane as a means of maintaining a high standard of discipline throughout the school

the school.
"We used it mostly for trivial "We used it mostly for trivial offences like swearing, petty extortion, smoking, deliberate disobedience, bullying, and vandalism. Now we're using exclusion, or temporary suspension, instead of the cane. I feel sending a child home is for more damaging than a quick smack over the bottom, and the amount of teacher time involved is incredible. At the moment we're keeping our standards up, but my God at what a cost!" Dr Chapman said.

Yet, when pressed, Dr Chap-man admits that apart from the extra pressure on teacher time, nothing seems to have changed much in the school, for better or worse, since the camings stopped.
And that seems to be the experience of pro-caning heads in other parts of the country where corporal punishment has already been abolished.

So perhaps the decisions, past and imminent, of the European Court of Human Rights at Strasbourg which are likely to herald the end of Britain's solitary position as the last caning nation in Europe, will much less effect school discipline and standards of behaviour than many teachers, and parents, fear.

But is it sense to impose a ban on reluctant teachers? Dr John Rae, Head Master of Westminster School, is one of the sponsors of STOPP, the teachers' lobby group that has been campaigning for the abolition of corporal punishment, but is nevertheless firmly opposed to a dictat being delivered from Strasbourg.

"I feel the issue has been hyped up quite out of perspective. An awful lot of nonsense is alled by both the concentration."

talked by both the opponents and supporters of corporal punishment. It's nothing like so important as people make out. It is neither as damaging or beneficial as it's said to be. I'm against it and wouldn't use it. but I think schools should be allowed to decide for themselves what form decide for themselves what form of discipline suits them best." Many schools have found that

corporal punishment has been dying a natural death. Mr Dennis Silk Warden of Radley, said he used to use the cane, "but it's just gone out of fashion. People are reductant to indulge in something which only 15 years ago was very normal. We've never said we won't use it, but I don't think I myself have beaten a boy for five years. I don't feel terribly strongly about it, but I think I now feel that it's slightly listasteful" Mr Tim Mardell, head of High

Lucy Hodges Storrs comprehensive school in Sheffield, argues that any change



Beak and birch: Spy's caricature of Swinburne's tutor, the Reverend James Leigh Jones, Lower Master of Eton 1878-1887.

be introduced. He started to reduce caning when he arrived at the school 15½ years ago, and only just completed its abolition 18 months ago. Fourteen years may be considered rather excessive, but some time is important to gain the acceptance of teachers,

gain the acceptance of teachers, parents and pupils.

"It's best to get rid of corporal punishment slowly, quietly and without a fuss", Mr Mardell says.

"It's no good rushing it. When pupils are used to being beaten, they expect it. If they're not beaten, they assume that that is somehow an indication of weakness on the part of the school." beaten, they assume that that is somehow an indication of weakness on the part of the school".

Other schools in Sheffield will not enjoy such a leisurely transition: the council has just such a leisurely transition: the council has just some schools find that that is an effective determent, as it involves that the level or type in the level

involving attitudes needs time to decided to prohibit caning in all secondary schools from next September.

What other sanctions are available to schools? Detention, or keeping children in to do extra or keeping children in to do extra work after school, is quite widely used, but it is costly in terms of teachers' time, and it may be very difficult, particularly in rural areas, to arrange transport home for the children. It is also actually illegal for a school to detain a child beyond the normal school day against the parents' wishes, though most parents are not aware of that. not aware of that.

the parents being told and brought into school for an interview with the head teacher, and that can result in a worse thrashing for the child than he would ever have and the child than he mrasning for the child than he would ever have got at school. However, other schools say that many of their pupils are all too happy to get a few free days off school. It also disrupts the education of those who probably need it most

need it most.

The ultimate sanction, which may only be used with the approval of the school governors, is the suspension or expulsion of the child. Although a complete the child. change of environment can produce a beneficial change in behaviour, particularly when behaviour, particularly where a gang of miscreants are broken up, suspension is not liked and is used extremely sparingly. It involves a public admission by the school that it has failed with that child, and also too often, the suspended child is left free to roam the streets for sometimes months on end before another school willing to accept him is

found.
Another means of dealing with disruptive pupils has become increasingly popular over the last few years — the special behaviouraw years — the special benaviou-ral unit, either on the school premises or off-site, which has been dubbed the "sin-bin" by the popular press Some are no better popular press Some are no better than their nickname suggests, a convenient dumping ground for unruly pupils; others do an excellent job in winning the children's confidence and trust, and getting regular attendance.

All are limited in their useful-

ness, however. They are expensive, with a high ratio of staff to pupils and, being relatively small, pupils and, being relatively small, can-enly offer a very restricted educational diet with the result that it becomes increasingly difficult to get pupils back into ordinary schooling the longer they stay. The HM inspectorate for schools' (HMI) view is that pupils should only be removed from school as a last resort. So what can schools do to maintain good discipline? People often talk of discipline as if it were synonymous with sanctions; were synonymous with sanctions; it is not, no more than good discipline in the home is. It depends, as in the home, on the many, often not easily discernable, factors that make up on the whole climate of the school, or what he headers have a since or what has become known, since Proffessor Michael Rutter's now world famous research on the effect of secondary schools, as the "ethos" of the school. Professor Rutter found in his intensive, longitudinal study of 12 inner London schools, published in 1979 under the title "Fifteen thousand hours", that some schools produced betterbehaved, better-educated pupils than others even after allowance

than others, even after allowance had been made for variables like the children's home background and level of intelligence. Why? There appears to be no correlation between the level or type of punishment in a school and

rather worse than in other

Nor did factors like school size. different types of organizations, quality and age of the premises, or the ammount of space available, seem to have any significant :

effect.
The most important character-The most important characteristics that appeared to promote both good conduct and academic success appeared to be relatively minor things like teacher arriving on time for class; good preparation of lessons; the regular setting and marking of homework; a lot of praise and encouragement of pupils, and not too much disciplinary action—but, when taken, firm; teachers' setting a good example in dress behaviour; even the display of pupils' work on walls and flowers in the entrance hall—all the in the entrance hall — all the things that helped make up the school's ethos.
What Professor Rutter said was

not new; but he had produced quantifiable evidence, albeir on a very small scale and using a form of multiple regression analysis that was later questioned by other education researchers. Two years earlier, the HMI had come out with a similar view in their report on "Ten Good

Schools".

There appears to be no ideal set of rules or regulations. What is appropriate and effective in one school may not be in another. Much will depend on the expectations of the focal community, the quality of the staff, the style of the head, the traditions of the school, and the age of the pupils.

pupils.

But it is generally agreed that whatever set of rules is adopted must be explicitly stated, consistent, reasonable, and firmly ad-hered to by the staff. It is also essential that the children respect their teachers, and that respect is immeasurably more difficult to obtain than in the past. It is no longer something that is given unquestioningly as the teacher's

Pupil violence and misconduct

are often blamed on too much permissiveness in schools and permissiveness in schools and society at large. However, the HMI found in their recent survey of secondary schools that less than 5 per cent were too permissive, while they considered nearly one fifth of schools to be too authoritarian in that they were so bogged down with petty rules and regulations and so rigid in their teaching styles that they actually provoked confrontations. But we have still much to learn about what makes a good school and why. How individual teachers handle potentially disrugtive pupils is one of the areas about which we know little. Dr Williams Parry-Jones, consultant psychiatrist at the Warneford Hospital in Oxford, who has been carrying out research in that area, says that nearly all teachers see disruptiveness as a product of the pupil's disturbance, while he believes that it is part of a dynamic relationship between the teacher and the pupil.

"The pupil may initiate an incident with some relatively minor act, but from then on the teacher plays a very important part in exacerbating or abating the incident. Once it has started, it seems to develop a life of its own, as it were, which may however be modified by the response from the teacher or the pupil. We've analysed that sequence in great detail on video-tape, looking for the critical transition points at which matters might either improve or get out of control. I think disruption can be bandled effectively, and that teachers can be trained to do so, but virtually no teacher training course provides that training."

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The practice abroad: most have abandoned the British need to beat

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On the Continent the practice has been abolished by legislation, regulation or by falling into disuse. Apart from the United Kingdom, the last country in Europe to allow the heating of schoolchildren was the Republic of Ireland which banned the cane on Februs ed the cane on February Outside Europe, however, corporal punishment is fairly widespread and continues in Third World. STOPP, the Society of Teachers Oppose to Physical Punishment, points out that these countries are former British colonies.

The USA

In America only four states and 11 cities have abolished corporal punishment though in one or two other states parents' objections must be areas, honoured. Five years ago the South.

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Recycling exercise

Nick Mead runs an architectural relic service. He moves in with his men when some period piece is awaiting the indiscriminate attention of the demolition men and removes the mementoes of craftsmanship long tone.

He told Forty Minutes, who covered his activities in Saved in the Nick of Time on BBC2 last night, that he did it for money but also because preservation is a worthwhile that of earning a living and preservation is a worthwhile way of earning a living, and he was entirely convincing. He has learnt that "the bigger the lot, the fewer the customers", but despite this allows romanticism to override: economics and even rescues things he knows "have great white elephant petential". One such was a marble fountain with bronze embellishments that could impede progress around his Chelsea warehouse for some

time.

He would prefer that

Britain retained her relics but, as there is not that much money about and as business in any period is business, he has to recycle much of his salvage in America where the appetite for things of yore, anybody's yore, is voracious. So an old sweeping stair-case is packaged for Mrs.

Douglas's Heaven on Earth-establishment in Houston, an interesting sounding place that caters for the matched and despatched, being both a

marriage parlour and a funeral parlour.

We did not see Mrs Douglas—too busy, I should think—but we did see Mrs Bobby Wolfe whose busband. Fletcher, is founder and director of the Atlanta Boy. Choir. The boys were singing "Nymphs and Shepherds" out in the garden, which was full of relies from here and there includes there, including a porch rescued by Mr Mead from a Victorian house in Becken-ham. "Fletcher and I have been recycling since before we were married," confided Mrs Wolfe, and it startled for a moment before the camera moved from her to the

However, some things do stay at home. We saw a tenor bell being hoisted high at Canterbury. Cathedral, recycled from a peal of bells from a disused church at Marylebone, and a clock from the same church now inworking order. The clock working order. The clock cost £198 10s to make in the middle of the mineteenth century; now it would cost £12,500. It was a bargain at £1,500. Then there was the belle époque conservatory which somehow found its

Mr Mead earns his uving quite often, as when removing the clock, at some risk. Apart from the feeling that he is doing a good job, it has other compensations: "The characters is heightened by awareness of the actors own fragility, but herical frailty in no way impairs other compensations. The sound of breaking glass, he said, "can be very satisfying at times". This contribution to the Forty Minutes series, which is also to have an extended life, was well pro-duced by Robyn Wallis.

Dennis Hackett

Cinema

Emotional touch of the old master

On Golden Pond (A)

Odeon, Haymarket

Mad Max II (X)

Warner West End; Classic, Haymarket: Studio, Oxford Circus

Dear Boys

Roxie Cinema Club

On Golden Pond is a return to a kind of film—the well-made screenplay that uses all its artifice to manipulate the audience's laughter and tears—that long ago went out of style. It also revives the almost forgotten pleasure of yielding up our emotions to be worked over as the body might be submitted to the hands of a skilful masseur. Audiences apparently have only been waiting for the chance. In the United States, On Golden Pond has earned \$40m in four weeks, and stays, impregnable at the top of Variety's chart of top-grossing pictures. On Golden Pond is a return to a

pictures.
Directed by Mark Rydell, it is Directed by Mark Rydell, it is adapted by Ernest Thompson from his own Broadway play, one of a whole run of productions designed to show off the virtuosity of older stars. Henry Fooda and Katharine Hepburn play Norman and Ethel Thayer, an old couple eking out their last years in a summer cottage by an idelic forest lake, which harbours a whole lifetime of memories for them. It is his eightieth birthday—"They get here so fast?" His body and mind are failing; be fiercely resents the humiliations of age and employs all his invective and wit to rail against them. His wife, ten years younger, his invective and wit to rail against them. His wife, ten years younger, is patient, protective and defiant in her energy and enthusiasm for life. Their daughter Chelsea (Jane Fonda) arrives for the birthday party, bringing her new fiance and a load of old resentments against her father. She also brings her 12-year-old prospective stepson whom she rashly leaves to spend the summer with the old couple. The rest of the film, of course, is concerned with the understanding that grows up between the hostile child and the inactable old man—a bond that leapfrogs the generations and, in a

frogs the generations and, in a gratifying put dénouement, achieves gratifying pat denotement, achieves the reconciliation between father and daughter that all their years together had failed to bring about. The daughter, though Jane Fonda uses all her skill, is rather brusquely sketched; but the relationship of the other three characters is wonderfully deft in the writing, and formidably played. Henry Fonda and Katharine Hepburn never acted together in their youth (indeed they iogether in their vouth (indeed the Mr Mead earns his living seem never to have even met until nice often, as when remove they came together on this film);

> physical frailty in no way impairs their professional skills or personal glamour. He is tetchy, watchful, wily devastatingly precise in timing and delivery. She soars along, on her own mannerism and dazzle, with sudden intimations of infinite depths of feeling beneath the



A bond that leap-frogs the generations: Doug McKeon with Henry Fonda

eccentric surfaces. The small boy, Doug McKeon, makes a wholly equal third to the team. He is round. faced, blond, suspicious and wholly believable in the slow, unwilling process of making contact with another and very alien human

being: The reason this kind of piece, in which the manipulation of situation (an accident that puts Norman's life at peril; another near-death scene to wring tears; the fidy resolution of life-long misunderstandings) and consequently of our sentiments, has been so long mistrusted, is that sentimentality, manipulation; and artifice are taken to imply untruth. But the quality of this film, like a lot of older melodramas, is that the

manipulation and artifice only work because the premises on which they are managed are in essence truthful. The characters are unquestionably truthful; and they are used to demonstrate truths as well as truisms. There is a lot of real pain in Norman's fear and hatred of age in Norman's fear and hatred of age ("I don't want crowds of people watching me turn older", he grouses at the prospect of a birthday party), even when it is expressed in a style and tone that sometimes recall W. C. Flelds. There is a sense of real love in their crotthety marital bicker. They tell us, too, that the assumed obligation to like one's relatives can often mean hell; that a quaint old man may well have been a younger s.o.b. and now deserves to pay the price for it.

In an old-fashioned and positive. sense, too, the film is very moral. It, sets out quite consciously to persuade us that the old are human too, that they may still have things to teach, and love-left in them. It tells us (as Ethel Sayer teaches the child) "Sometimes you have to look hard at a person and realize he's doing the best he can". They are old moral lessons, but not bad things to hear again when they are well said.

Earlier films by Mark Rydell—The

Rewers, Cinderella Liberty — showed the same direct, persuasive concern with the problems and the rewards of simply trying to under-stand other people. He is generous with charm and pleasures: the performers are given a background of elegiac mood and scenery (the lakeland is photographed by Billy Williams in predominant twilight gold). These are the sort of frank and innocent pleasures about which it would be foolish to be superior or defensively sophisticated.

Mad Max II offers the most extreme contrast. The original Mad. Max was made for peanuts, but the startling skill of its director, George Miller, in directing violent action made it the biggest grossing film-Australia had so far exported. The sequel has the benefit of a great deal more money, has a great deal more violent action, handled with the same verve and culminating in a prolonged automobile chase, and carries Australian movies to a new

carries Australian movies to a new stage of infantilism.

The action of the new film takes place a year or so further into the future predicted by its predecessor. Global conflict escalating from the Middle East has wiped out urban civilization. Wild marauding gangs—ageing punks and cycle boys—roam the outback, and make sorties against a little outpost huddled around a solitary oil drill, the last source of wealth. Into this country rides Mad Max, as an unwilling Moses who eventually leads the people to the promised land the tourist resorts of the Queensland Gold Coast.

Queensland Gold Coast.

It amalgamates every sort of movie myth, magic and reference. The plot is classic Western, and some of the characters are vaguely garbed as braves and squaws. There are touches of martial arts and sword-and-sorcery (the villains wear visors and use crossbows); there is a Shakespearian fool who rides a helicopter and plays Sancho to Max's Don; and a feral cave-child.

Above all there are the cars-roar ing, chasing, colliding, crashing, conflagrating. It is in its way a landmark of the cinema of action without sense.

Mark Rappaport is much admired Mark Rappaport is much admired in certain circles of independent cinema; a couple of years ago his Scenic Route won the BFI award for the most original film shown at the National Film Theatre during the previous twelve-month. His films exemplify effect and allusion without structure to give coherence or out structure to give coherence or compulsion to the whole.

Imposters, his latest film of feature scale, has the outward form of Hollywood melodrams and is jampacked with movie-buff references The twin protagonists are stage illusionists using their act as a front for murder and a quest for lost treasure. One of them fancies their assistant; the other her boy-friend; while she herself is involved with another girl. It is pretty and cute and sounds a great deal more intriguing than in fact it is.

Those who see London as a new City of the Plain may well be cheered that the Roxie Club, established only a matter of weeks ago to show quality films on homogeneous theories is therestened with erotic themes, is threatened with closure for lack of support. It will give less satisfaction to those who have welcomed several worthwhile oddites that might mever have turned up elsewhere in this country.

The Roxie's new (and let us hope not final) presentation is an idiosyn-cratic item from Holland, Paul de Lussanet's Dear Boys, adapted from a novel by the scandalizing writer Gerard Reve. It is an elegant, erotic game about a writer who woos—but fails to keep—a handsome gigolo, with tales of fast cars and sadomasochistic fantasies of wanton youths. The light tone and witty playing redeem the erotica from

Concerts

A tricky acoustic

LSO/Abbado

Barbican Hall/BBC, Radio 3

The new concert hall in the Barbican Centre seats its audience at three levels, the front row very close indeed to the low dais on which the orchestra sits. The Queen sat in the front row of the circle; behind and above that is a further circle. Leg room, at the back of the stalls, is ample for a tall person; the seats encourage upright pos-ture, are softly upholstered, and wide enough for this fat Englishman's hips.

When you are seated, the appearance of the auditorium is bright and striking, with peanut butter-coloured wood on the gangway steps and behind the orchestra, the latter's facing curiously shaped to suggest oriental woodwind, or perhaps the pipes of an organ which, we gather, is not there. Above and to the side are red and white striped wooden sur-faces, which look like Batten-

In the ceiling the lights are enclosed in what look like inverted brandy balloon glasses, a sparkling effect. On the wood-faced side walls there are small vents, as if for boxes, although they are not for occupation.

I hope that the hum of air-conditioning may be silenced in the auditorium before the next concert: it was a nuisance at the beginning of Elgar's Cello Concerto. For an orchestra as finely tuned as the LSO is when playing for Claudio Abbado, the acoustics of Barbican Hall are tricky at the moment, perhaps more for the audience than for the orchestra. The opening bars of Wagner's Meistersinger overture sounded reassuring, big and round in tone, more appetizing than they would in the Royal Festival Hall; the woodwind chirped vividly in the apprentices' section. At nuisance at the beginning of the apprentices' section. At other times the string sound was unnaturally shrill, and cantabile violins seemed to lack body in Beethoven's fourth plane concerto.

It should be emphasized

that Barbican audiences will have to retune their ears during early visits to the hall: the LSO will surely also find new ranges of sonority and balance, as it settles into its new home. I look forward to

future concerts when it may be possible to hear the same orchestra from different parts of the auditorium. This first concert offered Wagner and Beethoven, as detailed above, then Elgar's Cello Concerto and Ravel's La valse, nothing composed later than the early 1920s: the later than the early 1920s; the most recent composer represented was Sir Michael Tippett, who had written the programme notes for the concert (very interesting too, but should not he, or a living comparior, have contributed a new composition to this represents the exciting event in

London's life?). The emphasis was plainly on Loudon as an inter-national centre of music with an Italian conductor in charge of the Barbican's resident orchestra, a Japa-nese cellist in the Elgar and a Russian-born pianist in the Beethoven. The cello and piano told well by themselves: curiously enough Yo Yo Ma's account of the Elgar was as showy in self-ex-pression as Vladimir Ashke-nazy's reading of the Beetho-ven was intensely contained and understated.

momentous, exciting event in

Both were contributions to an occasion rather than interpretations to remember for ever. The players have the opportunity, too, for changing their minds: a welcome feature of Barbican musical programmes is that each work will be performed several times in various concert contexts.

One's first and most influential impression of the Barbican centre as a place for listening to music is of the grand design in which this agreeable, still novel concert hall is tucked away, seemingly in a corner of the labyrinth. Barbican Hall itself is ripe for exploration, like the complex as a whole. Certainly it will make London's musical life richer, and probably more exciting, to judge from the first syllabus for the complex weeks. for the opening weeks.

William Mann

BBCSO/ Stockhausen

Festival Hall

On Wednesday Karlheinz Stockhausen made his first appearance in public with a British orchestra. The Purconsiderably and obviously unexpectedly larger than that for most BBCSO concerts. The 89-piece orchestra assembled, two mime artists, Elizabeth Clarke and Alain Louafi, poised on a raised dais above the conductor, knelt before their maker and *lnori*, "adorations for one or two soloists

David Robinson At the heart of the 70-minute work is embedded a musical germ or "formula"

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It is Robbins at his most

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which, as in Stockhausen's earlier Mantra, encapsulates the work's entire energy. Here, though, the process of genesis before it appears complete is further systema-tized and expanded through a On Wednesday Karlheins street and expanded through a famtastically ingenious and sensitive schema of metre, appearance in public with a British orchestra. The Purcell Room was sold out for is taught to recognize a seemingly inexhaustible pattern of attributes which the grammes for an audience eve endorces in a correeve endorses in a corre sponding chromatic scale of 13 prayer gestures which translate sound into "action melody".

Not until after the "for-mula" had been presented and its consequent harmonic and polyphonic evolution set into motion could I engage with the work at anything but a cerebral level. For all its emphasis on ritual, on performance, for all its freshness of aural perception, extended through electronic sound projection (Stockhansen's son Markus at the controls), Stockhan-sen's the laborious didacticism of the work's idea, only emphasized by the mimed visual aids, seemed irritating-ly self-conscious, at times even condescending.

As the latter half progresses and the music's internal energies and conflicts are hatched from idea, the sense of adoration, of wonder at least at last thing in Robbins's mind in this complex, scintillating the workings of the compos-er's own microworld burgeons masterly. Over the four decades he has worked as a choreographer, Robbins has captured two things. The first is the art of choreographic characteristics. er's own incroworld burgeons and begins to engage outside itself. But it seemed too late. As composer-conductor wal-ked off, following the upward path through the orchestra taken by the mime artists, phic characterization — the realization that dancing is an the applause had a character all its own. Here was solid respect, flecked with the calls of hero-worship, yet strangely lacking in warmth or spontaneous enthusiasm.

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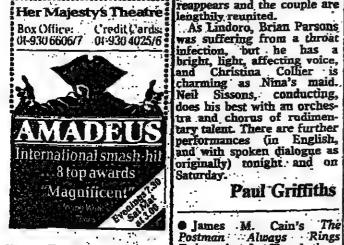
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of all the composers who tried to write opera in an age played before two audience that had been made for ourselves, and a Regency Mozart, Paisiello was one of house party who are touched the most successful, and amused when they are him, or Mad for Love one of house party who are touched and amused when they are not singing the choruses. his most widely acclaimed without their constant presence, and the consequent duced in 1789, the year double focus on the work, before Cosi fan tutte, and it reached London in 1797, lin the first act, we are introduced to the heroine, who has declined into pastured. "The string of sensitive duced in the heroine, who has declined into pastured duced in a duel of the heroine, who has declined into pastured distraction after the

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finger on the pulse of human feeling, and yet it shows how an eighteenth-century audience might have seen Nina as the last word in sentimental romance, for the opera played before two audience.

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Then, in the second act, Nina's Lindoro miraculously reappears and the couple are

infection, but he has a bright, light, affecting voice, and Christina Collier is charming as Nina's maid. Neil Sissons, conducting, does his best with an orchestra and chorus of rudimentary talent. There are further performances (in English, and with spoken dialogue as originally) tonight and on

Paul Griffiths

● James M. Cain's The Postman Always Rings Twice, already filmed three times, has now been turned into an opera. Stephen Pau-lus's work will be given its premire at the Opera Theatre of St Louis, Missouri, on June 17. There are plans to bring it to the Edinburgh Festival in 1983, together with St Louis's production of Delius's Fernimore and Gerda, which was highly praised on this page last summer. Also on this year's St Louis season is the American première of Prokofiev's Maddalena, of which Edward

Downes has completed the

Martins confirmed in Balanchine's favour

New York City Ballet is so associated with the life and works of George Balanchine that it is occasionally difficult to remember that it does have other thoreographers. Notably, of course, there is Jerome Robbins. But the company has in the past encouraged yet others; most have come from the company itself — Todd Bolender, Jacques d'Amboise and John Clifford among them. Also, although never a dancer with the company, one of the balletmasters, John Taras, has also been a regular contributor to the company's string of novelties.

Now a newcomer has appeared, taking an increasingly significant role in company activities, Peter Martins. This season, unobtrusively, without even the muted fanfare of a single press announcement, Martins has been appointed a balletmaster to the company, a title he now shares with Balanchine, Robbins and

During the current winter season at Lincoln Center's New York State Theater, Balanchine has left the new ballets to Martins and Robbins. It could be a harbinger of the future, because, although Balanchine will be much in evidence during this spring's Stravinsky Festival, it might be that the reins-of power are, to some extent, being passed over. Martins, in most ballet circles, is being freely referred to as Balanchine's successor, in which case Robbins would obviously become the princi-pal choreographer. So the two new works, Martins's.
The Magic Flute, showing him as still very much

ally a considerable improvement. With new settings by David Mitchell and pleasant peasant costumes by Ben Benson, the ballet looks attractive and even modestly opulent — a rarity for the decoratively spartan City

Yet why Martins, or per-haps more specifically Balan-chine, wanted this antique curiosity in the repertory remains a mystery. The idea came from Balanchine himself, with Martins acting Balanchine's favoured apprentice, and the consummate mastery of Robbins's The Gershwin Concerto, took on special significance.

The Magic Flute was originally created for students of the School of American Ballet at their annual public performances last summer. The staging for the company, which has proved popular which has proved popular of the Balanchine's favoured apprentice, and the consummate mastery of Robbins's favoured apprentice, and the consummate mastery of Robbins's The Gershwin Concerto, took on special significance.

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in St Petersburg, it had its humours are damply and New York premiere 20 years camply acceptable and the later with Anna Pavlova and Alexandre Volinine. The bal
In the premiere the leading let seemed to have died with roles were buoyantly danced Parlova, but there were some by the 17-year-old Darci apparently unwilling to activate and, unexpectedly, cept as much. What Martins Peter Martins, who was has done is, of course, not a substituting for an injured revival of the lost Ivanov Helgi Tomasson, himself charger ranks but a restricted substituting for an injured the consequence but a restricted substituting for an injured the consequence of the lost Ivanov charger ranks but a restricted substituting for an injured the consequence of the lost Ivanov charger ranks are substituting for an injured the consequence of the choreography, but a pastiche substituting for an injured lb reconstruction that draws, to Andersen. At later performsome extent, on Martins's ances, Tomasson recovered, Danish schooling and his giving a more animated familiarity with the narrative account of the hero, partnerbailets of Bournonville. Martins's recension of the

ing the 19-year-old Katrina Killian, who had created the

Consider this new ballet — demonstrating Gershwin's time and Robbins's motion. The mood of the music — its varied texture -- is strange. "Symphonic jazz" set out to combine popular dance forms with classical music. The mixture never gelled, but in the Gershwin Piano Concerto, as in his folk opera Porgy and Bess, can be seen all the grounds for the unfounded optimism. Robbins takes the Concerto on its own terms and premises in the Charleston-impregnated first movement, bluesy second and the uninhibited jazziness of the last.

a blue and lavender art deco setting by Santo Loquasto. A handsome adaptable back-ground, redolent of 1925, the time of the concerto, changes for each movement. Loquasto's simple costumes, rust for the boys, plum for the girls and white for the four principals, appropriately strike up a more contempor-ary band. The choreography cleverly uses counterpointed movements to define the music, particularly the piano and orchestra. In style it is classical yet not only uses such natural movements as walking, running or - per-If you wanted to be cute, tion, such as an instant when Christopher d'Amboise whirls a swooned Darci











Fox (1782-83) — a humiliating treaty; Sir Edward Grey (1905-16) — foreign affairs dominated politics; Anthony Eden (1935-38, 1940 45, 1951-55), Selwyn Lloyd (1955-60), Lord Carrington (1979-) — coping with Britain's vulnerability to external events

200 cheers for the F.O.

The mild and suitably parsimonious rejoicings ordained by Authority this month to mark the 200th anniversary of the founding of the Foreign Office and the Home Office, will not, I suppose, be joined in with universal fervour even in Whitehall. The first of State has never been particularly popular in the world at large, still less in the rest of the official machine, by which, it is traditionally regarded as stand-offish and too big for its boots; the second has become generally notorious become generally notorious

trite example of good comdedness.

And yet some kind of celebration is surely in order. For one thing, the original idea was such a bright one. Before the reorganization of March 1782, administration was managed — or ruther mismanaged — by two geographical departments, the Northern and the Southern, in one or other of which miscellaneous affairs of state, whether domestic, foreign, or colonial, were shovelled highland properties of the superpower of the third cand current out national future in the twenty-first century, but it importance of foreign polforeign, or colonial, were shovelled higgledy-piggle-

History does not relate, History does not relate, so far as I can make out, to whose clerkly mind — or when — the blinding revelation was given that things might be better organized by distinguishing those matters which required direct administration (i.e., and the interpenetration of the most interesting aspect of their economies is now so of the anniversary is presented by the question of sected by the question of the interpenetration of the most interesting aspect of their economies is now so of the anniversary is presented by the question of the interpenetration of the most interesting aspect of their economies is now so of the anniversary is presented by the question of the interpenetration of the interpenetration of the interpenetration of the interpenetration of the anniversary is presented by the question of aspect of their economies is now so of the anniversary is presented by the question of the interpenetration of the interpenetration of the interpenetration of the anniversary is presented by the question of aspect of their economies is now so of the anniversary is presented by the question of aspect of the interpenetration of the interpenetration of the anniversary is presented by the question of aspect of interpenetration of the interpenetration of a scene that almost every aspect of domestic affairs is an intriguing irrony in the interpenetration of the interpenetration of a scene that almost every aspect of domestic affairs is an intriguing irrony in the interpenetration of the i direct administration (i.e. the home and colonial) from those (i.e. the foreign) which needed quite different diplomatic techniques. But it was undoubtedly a flash of genius that de-serves recognition even two between the two are becom-ing more and more blurred. Important Co

centuries later. Another good reason for rooting around in the dusty attics of bureaucratic history in this fashion was pointed out by Professor Michael Howard in his brilliant commemorative lecture at Chatham House yesterday. The 1782 departmental reshuffle was made possible — perhaps, in part, even prompted — by one of even prompted — by one of of course, imperial) congives more power to the actually enhanced their to see how they can do it table below. Over a five-the worst pieces of misman-cerns, in the scale of Cabinet Secretariat at the importance or devalued it O Times Newspapers Limited, 1982 year period the savings

by David Watt

agement ever perpetrated importance until by the by a British Government, beginning of this century namely the loss of the they dominated all other North American colonies.

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Lord Cornwallis's surrender at Yorktown five Offices—and of course the months earlier brought down Lord North's ministry and opened the way to change even if it meant change, even if it meant their collective needs and that one of the first duties concerns took precedence of Charles James Fox, over, and constantly disnewly-minted Foreign Sectorted, all other domestic retary, was to negotiate the and economic consider-terms of a humiliating ations.

After the First World There are distinct conso- War, this process was lations in contemplating gradually reversed. With this wreckage, not only as a the rise of Labour and the (and not without some justification) for obscurantism and official ham-han-tism and official ham

> twenty-first century, but it importance of foreign pol-puts a fresh perspective on icy. On the other hand, the our present discontents.
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> To my mind, however, and the interpenetration of is an intriguing irony in the est and exchange rate fact that we are celebrating policy, energy policy, agrithe convenient and succultural policy, trade policys. Inward and outward administrative arrangements into internal and hardly possible to disexternal affairs, at a tinguish the internal from moment when the lines the external ramifications between the two are become

Important consequences If one follows the preoccupations of British governments since the Foreign other countries are in the is harder to predict. The
Office was established it is Office was established it is possible (by gross oversimplification) to trace a fairly straightforward pattern in three phases. In the first, which covers the whole of the nineteenth century, we see the steady prevent wires getting to foreign (including, of course, imperial) considered their same boat. One is that the case of modern communications and the tendency of course in the conventional governments, particularly in the Third World, to be identified with individual politicians, has made committees is necessary to foreign Secretaries intensely peripatetic, and it is crossed, and that in turn doubtful whether this has sives more nower to the

being, but the force of

circumstances is moving things steadily in that Another result is that the Foreign Office, if it wishes to keep its end up in Whitehall, is obliged to spawn experts on a large variety of subjects formerly regarded as outside its expertise, while at the same time the Treasury, in order to keep a firm control of public expenditure, has amassed experts in foreign and defence policy. All this strengthens the hold of the Civil Service in general over policy — at the expense of departmental Ministers, including Foreign Secretaries, who cannot carry everything in their heads and would kill themselves if

But in the long run it must also affect the pos-ition of the Foreign Service itself. The Central Policy need to employ diplomacy defined in Sir Ernest Overseas Representation Satow's celebrated words as (written mainly by domestically orientated advisers) gence and tact to the recommended four years ago that the Home and between governments") ago that the Home and Foreign Services should be amalgamated on the ground that many of their functions now overlapped. This take-over bid was prematary and was sincessfully

will undoubtedly be back before many years are out, and they will not always

shaken off, but the bidders

by making them into glori-fied ambassadors when they should be at home, making policy and fighting their corner in Cabinet.

appoint weak Foreign Sec-retaries and to run their own foreign policy. Some, like Gladstone and Salisreverse in modern times. Their own bent and the political needs of the moment will obviously continue to produce wide long-run trend, here and perhaps throughout the world, seems likely to be at the expense of the existing institutions.

Because domestic politics

There is an awkward dilemma here. Britain will need to employ diplomacy (defined in Sir Ernest Satow's celebrated words as between governments")
more skilfully in the next
20 years than ever before
because influence must now do the work of power.

we have in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office a superb professional machine for executing this purpose. But the question is who is to make policy over the enormous field in which the enormous field in

The Foreign Office would claim to be able to fulfil this function as well, but with the best will in the world and even with an able Foreign Secretary it is hard

The crucial factor in all this, naturally, is the Prime Minister. It has always been open to Prime Ministers to bury, did so even in the nineteenth century, just as some, like Attlee and Mrs Thatcher, have been more or less ready to do the variations. But again, the

and domestic economics are at the mercy of inter-national politics and econo-mics, these last are too important to be left to Foreign Offices.

internal factors merge and over which commentators, television pundits, parlia-ments and voters are now

is growing. A third reform must

centres on how little room there is to manoeuvre and

yet, more than likely, the Chancellor will make little

mention of the hundred or so tax reliefs—or tax benefits, to describe them more accurately—which exempt more than 50 per

cent of the nation's per-

sonal income from tax.

Here is an issue on which

MPs across parties should
be able to find some
agreement. A radical reform of all the tax benefits

offers the chance to in-

offers the chance to in-

crease personal freedom.

Tax benefits are granted

selves from poverty. The individual and collective gains on the freedom front should be clear to most

Three tax reforms are essential if increasing per-

sonal freedom is to be a

main aim of government policy. The first is to allow

all tax benefits at the standard rate of tax only. By itself, this change will bring in something like £750m in extra revenue.

A second reform is to put a cash ceiling on all tax benefits other than the personal allowances. How such a policy would work can be seen if we take just one of the main tax benefits About 72 000m is paid

efits. About £2,000m is paid out as mortgage interest relief. It would be wrong to

wipe out this benefit over-

night; but a cash ceiling could be applied at the current level, and this sum spread over a growing

number of owner-occupiers

The gains from this

particular reform are considerable. Had it been implemented in 1975, the

additional revenue from applying a cash ceiling policy to just four tax benefits is shown in the

in succeeding years.

taxpayers.

sonal income from tax.

A budget to come to the

aid of all parties

by Frank Field, MP

A third retorm must centre on redistributing income from men to women, while at the same time persuading taxpayers to spread more effectively the income earned from up to 40 years' work over the two vulnerable periods in most people's lives — when they have children and when they reture: The lead-

Tax benefits are granted only if taxpayers spend their money in a way which the Government thinks is desirable. Reform offers the chance of cutting the rates of tax—so increasing the taxpayer's freedom of choice—while increasing expenditure on social security benefits. At present, married women gain a tax benefit through the working lives of their husbands, and the

The peak period of work-ing-class affluence is when

expenditure on social security benefits.

Means — tested benefits build a ceiling over the heads of the poor, thereby cementing them into poverty. Others, like child benefit, act as a floor on which people can build by their own efforts without being penalized. Additional expenditure here allows claimants to spring themselves from poverty. The Given the low-level of support to families with children in the past, we should not penalize those families now just because

their children have

reached maturity'

both parents are working and the children have difficult to overstate. grown up. Given the low But the necessary level of support to families with children in the past, we should not penalize those families now just because their children have reached maturity.

I do believe it would be politically possible, however to apply a cash ceiling to the married man's tax allowance and for the money to be channelled to households with children The author is Labour MP for under five. If this "cash Birkenhead

Mortgage Interest relief

Savings on selected tax benefits by applying a cash ceiling 1975/78

The public discussion on the run-up to the Budget has the same unreal quality about it as in previous years. Almost all the talk sentres on how little room. an additional £1,800m which the cash payment for illustrates just how fast the households with children expenditure on tax benefits under five would have stood at £10.50 a week. This a third reform must initiate a steady redistribution of income from men to; women, at the same time beginning, the process of matching people's income to their lifetime's needs. The large increase in

revenue resulting from reforming the tax-benefit welfare state should be earmarked to raise the tax in to this reform centres on the married man's tax of tax, while at the same time beginning to rebuild the welfare state so that it acts as a floor on which people can build by their own efforts.

A key benifit in remodelling the welfare state is the child-benefit scheme. The larger the injection of funds into this scheme, the greater will be the decrease in the numbers of poor families. And because child benefit is deducted from social-security payments, the larger the child benefit the greater the incentive to work is for those low wage work is for those low wage earners with children. Similarly, a major child benefit increase will begin to redress the additional tax burden placed on family taxpayers since 1979.

A flourishing child-ben-efit system has other advantages. It transfers income from men to women and it increases the range of choices, and thereby the freedom, enjoyed by families. The importance of child benefit in helping to determine the type of society in which we live is therefore

But the necessary funds for it will be found only if politicians are prepared to reform the tax-benefit welfare state. For this to happen will require MPs to take a broader viewpoint than the traditional class approach to the Budget which has dominated de-bates for the last hundred years to more.

How Kincora could still harm Ian Paisley

Smyth, Presbyterian minis-ter, Grandmaster of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland and official Unionist parliamentary candidate, cavvassed a Belfast housing estate a few days ago, he carried a crumpled Union Jack in one hand, as he shook voters' hands with the The Rev William McCrae of the Free Presbyterian Church, campaigning a mile away, had an equally potent symbol. He was preceded by the head of his church and leader of the Democratic.

That murky story, which and Catholic communities. combines sex and paramilita-ry violence in one topic for billed as an index of whether after the result of the by-election is known this after-noon. but the figures suggest that even if the Official Unionists hold on to the seat — and Unionist Party, the Rev Ian In competition for the

South Belfast seat left vacant by the murder of the Rev Robert Bradford, the DUP and the Official Unionists have slung clerical mud at each other across that halfforgotten gulf which divides

Ulster's unionists. Although was to liberate usefully the bickering this week moderate tendencies it has reached the threat of writs, not worked out that way. The not one word is about the subsequent intense compeissue which dominates many tition in intransigence conversations away from the between Paisley and the hustings and which could declining Official Unionists alter the shape of Protestant has steadily cut down areas politics: the Kincora homo- of possible political agreesexual scandal.

gossio, will continue to haunt the Official Unionists can the province's politics long stop Paisley's bandwagon,

ment between the Protestant

Back in the early 1970s
British ministers and civil servants cherished the belief that the Official Unionist monopoly of the Protestant vote should be allowed to dismantle itself. If the idea hold on to the seat — and they probably will — it may still not check Paisley's rise. In local elections last year that party became the first non-Official Unionist group ever to exceed a 20 per cent share of the vote.

In addition to Paisley's rival attraction, the Official Unionists' internal contradition between wanting devolved power and to cling more tightly to Britain, their shortage of money, their leadership squabbles and their lack of flair have fedthe DUP with an unpre-cedented new coalition of Protestant voters.

The votes in last year's: council elections in South Belfast leave the parties Belfast leave the parties almost level. But Smyth is a considerable figure in his own community; McCrae, although backed by an energetic machine, is not from the area. He is probably the only politician in the country who has ever run in a local election against an opponent whose only manifesto prom-

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ise was that, it elected, he would hit McCrae. The man was elected and the entire manifesto was carried out.

The Kincora affair is perhaps the only issue which might check Paisley. Events are now in train - fresh investigations by the Royal Ulster Constabulary, a new inquiry into the previous RUC inquiries by an outside chief constable, and a judicial inquiry after both of those — which will ensure that the

boys' home stays in the news. William McGrath, housefather of the home and founder of a small Protestant paramilitary splinter group called Tara, is now serving a four-year prison sentence for a variety of homosexual offences against boys under his care. The unanswered

questions are: were all the offences followed up, and who knew what was happening when?.

Two people have said they warned Paisley in the early 1970s about McGrath's activities; Paisley has said that one of them who had evidence was not prepared to confront McGrath and that nobody mentioned to him that in 1972 McGrath was put in charge of Kincora.

Paisley has dismissed the publicity given to the alle-gations as Republican-in-spired, and there claim and counterclaim have stale-mated. But he is said to have been shaken by the row. Even if he did not know McGrath worked at Kincora, the man who launched a Save Ulster from Sodomy cam-

paign and - in improbable alliance with the local Roman Catholic hierarchy — will-now oppose the Govern-ment's intention to bring Northern Ireland's homo-sexuality laws into line with the rest of the country, does,

not appear to have pursued the allegations with great vigour. McGrath was simply banned from using a Free Presbyterian church for an Orange Order service. Orange Order service.

If Paisley has reached the peak of his popularity, or if it were to decline, the balance

of Unionist power and the chances of any initiative which Mr Prior, the North-ern Ireland Secretary, might get off the ground would be changed in standing for any possible assembly, Paisley would certainly ask for a

mandate to wreck the Lon-Official Unionists would have

will not reach 30 per cent.

assumes that Mr Prior will solve the other problems still standing in the way of his plans, now due to be an-nounced in the first week of April. Most important of all, he has yet to convince the Social Democratic and Labour Party that there is anything in it for them.

George Brock

A revolutionary epic finds its way West

Symbols are important in Northern Ireland. As Martin

Collins-Harvill, the imprint which published Doctor Zhivago, has secured rights to an "anti-revolsecured rights to an "anti-revol-utionary" epic which terrified the Soviet authorities even more than Pasternak's great book. Vasily Grossman's Life and Fate was completed in 1962, and promptly impounded by officers of the KGB who seized not only the manuscript, typescripts and rough drafts, but even the typewriter ribbons and sheets of carbon paper Grossman had used. Grossman himself was not arrested, but he said that the arrest of his novel made him feel as if he had been strangled. He

Only one other manuscript has heen confiscated in such a way — Solzhenitsyn's Gulag Archipelago. which is a mine of factual historical information which might otherwise have been oblit-erated. Though Grossman was the first writer in any country to the first writer in any country to describe a Nazi extermination camp in detail, Life and Fate is a traditional, realistic, historical novel, comparable in scope to War and Peace.

Grossman was told before he died that there could be no hope of the novel being printed for the next two or three centuries, yet two copies of the complete text recently reached an emigre Russian man-of-letters in Paris. The acquisition of the English language rights was negotiated by Mark Bonham-Carter, a member of the publishing board

extract from the book.

Lost loos

hapless guest complained to PHS as the glittering, swirling carnival that was the offical opening of the Barbican Centre got underway on Wednesday evening. Are we on level seven or eight

canapes, and the wine and the music, and the wine and the fireworks, and the wine and the

London Symphony Orchestra's chairman, just as he was to be presented to the Queen. The man sitting next to PHS during the Royal Shakespeare Company's pantomine fell asleep, snoring loudly.

The most bracing part of the evening was when the dinner jacketed throng met the yelping and whistling residents of the nearby flats as the Reverend Ronald Lancaster's fireworks exploded above the spire of St Giles', Cripplegate in fantastic pyrotechnical celebration.

At this moment in time PHS must accept that trade union talk has worked its way up to a ruling situation as far as the English language is concerned. Opening the Barbican Centre, the Queen said: "At the end of the day ..."

What with the wine and the

midnight supper, such disorien-tation was inevitable.

A pikeman dropped his pike on the head of Anthony Camden, the

They keep moving the loos, one

of Collins and chairman of Index on Censorship, the journal which has already published a dramatic



Christopher Driver, the editor of the Good Food Guide, has been offended by one of his principal award winners. The 1982 to be

published on March 15, and its verdicts are supposed to be a losely-guarded secret until then. Yet already Kay and Paul

Tops at talking We may not be good at much but. PHS can reveal, Britain has regained its position as the biggest talking shop in the world. Figures to be published on Monday by the Union of Inter-national Associations in Brussels will show that London hosted as many international conferences as Paris last year (292 each), but that the United Kingdom as a

Russian rumours

whole, with \$45, beat France and the United States to top the international league.

Blithely unaware of the rumours swirling around Moscow at the swifting around Moscow at the moment. President Brezhnev yesterday went to the theatre, taking haif the Politburo with him. They saw a new play about Lenin, entitled "Thus We will be Victorious" at the Moscow arts theatre. The performance was efficiently declared a security of the president of the performance was efficiently declared a security of the performance.

officially declared a "great suc-Cess".
The Soviet leader does not often go to the theatre - ice

Chagford in Devon have sent out press releases announcing that theirs has been rated one of the three top restaurants and hotels in the country, joining the Connaught and Miller Howe in

winning all the three distinction symbols the Guide awards.
"One really rather regrets having honoured such a boastful so-and-so", said Driver when told.

hockey matches are more his line of enjoyment — but this play, starring one of the country's top actors Alexander Kalyagin, is clearly special.

For those determined to see conspiracy theories around them, there is a nice irony in the visit. The play deals with Lenin's final year of life and the question of his succession. Recently the youngest member of the Polit-buro, 51-year-old Mikhail Gorba-chey, went along and led the applause. Lest any inference might be drawn, President Brezhnev was accompanied yesterday by Arvid Pelshe; at 83 the oldest

Singular star

In the superb and youthful cast of Julian Mitchell's Another Country at the Queen's Theatre it is fair to single out Kenneth Branagh only because without to have been the recipient of a him the play would never have reached the West End. Robert organization called Dove. It is for, the producer, had to fight to get him, because Branagh comes to a leading role straight from the bitterly about our coverage of the

Royal Academy of Dramatic Art.

More than 100 young actors auditioned for the role of Judd, the communist public schoolboy in whom Mitchell has drawn on the young idealists of the Spanish Civil War, John Cornford and Esmond Romilly.

Branagh, who swept the board of prizes at RADA, was so outstanding that Fox and director

Stuart Burge successfully apcouncil in which managers sit with Equity representatives, that the production could not do without him, and that the usual rules about apprenticeship in the provinces had to be waived. Branagh's drama school career sharply contrasts that of his brilliant co-star, Rupert Everett, who takes the Guy Burgess character in Mitchell's play. Everett was thrown out of the Central School of Drama after a

Such is the excitement in the Commons about the possible security risks posed by young American researchers that our social services correspondent, who has been reporting Parliament for more than 18 years, was yesterday twice challenged and asked to identify herself. It has never happened to her before.

year for being "too awkward."



European Court of Human Rights decision, and of the disorders at St Saviour's primary school,

Liverpool.

It concludes: "Why don't you go back to hell, you evil child-haters, and take your lying presses with you? Yours, and hurry up and close down for good — You're just a nasty drag on the progress of this Land, (signed) Barry C. Vanshan (Negoristor)." Barry C. Vaughan (Negotiator).

The British Museum lost some of its charm yesterday. The mighty chandelier above the staircase in the Edward VII wing crashed down, sending one visitor sprawling in fright.

Should Paisley build suc-cessfully on his 26.5 per cent share of the vote last year

and reach 30 per cent, he could stall an assembly indefinitely on that issue. The 70 per cent "weighted majority" figure in Mr majority" figure in Mr Prior's scheme is designed on the assumption that he

That speculative arithmetic

Hard cheese

The landlord of Egon Ronay's English Cheese Pub of 1982 was told, just three days before receiving his award last month, that his licence would not be renewed. Now the pub, the Plough at Rusper, West Sussex, is up for sale by auction.

Peter Andrews took over the

licence last May from his mother. In September he was convicted for possession of cannabis, not possession and fined £40. When his licence, which expires in April, came up for renewal the police objected. police objected.

The Andrews family still hope they will be allowed to retain the pub, with Ronay complimented on its range of real ales, beamed bar and lawned garden as well as the cheeseboard. At Horsham on Friday week they will apply for the licence to be transferred to Andrews's father, John, and the manager, Derek Welton.

Diary Quiz

Solutions on Monday.

Our cryptic clues to the week's 1 Who said sorry with a daffodil? 2 Which group of workers got

2 Which group of workers got 14 per cent plus perks?
3 Where has Prince Ranjitsinjhi joined the Ku Klux Klan?
4 Which Welsh boyo was memorably laid by Mary Evans? 5 Where was another wonder of the world set off with a series of baugs?

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months since martial law was lifted any time they want by imposed, and nearly two carrying out the promises months since the Nato meet made by General Jaruzelski ing in Brussels agreed in when he imposed martial law. principle on sanctions, include If they are unable or unwilling the suspension of com- ing to do this it is their fault, mercial credits. So far these not ours, and they will have sanctions have had the effect to face the consequences. of making life slightly more difficult for the Polish regime. For instance, about forty per cent of Polish East-West relations by nudgindustry is now idle for lack ing the Polish system towards of western components. But reforms which will restore there is no sign that the prosperity to Poland, increase there is no sign that the prosperity to Poland, increase sanctions are biting politi- its ability to repay its debts, cally Indeed, the situation is and provide the basis for getting worse. General Jaru normal and open relations zelski's visit to Moscow seems, with the West. This inevitably if anything to have postponed involves respect for human still farther the lifting of rights because the system will martial law. The news that not operate effectively withinternees are to be offered out a degree of consent from
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being abandoned. As Mr a more democratic regime is Humphrey Atkins admitted in suspect Production has the Commons on Wednesday, dropped since December, there is no change of heart on except in the mining industhe part of the Polish auth- tries.

sent to the West on missions of persuasion argue that western sanctions are helping the hardliners by reducing the standard of living and pushing the Polish economy into closer dependence on Moscow. It is difficult to accept this reasoning. West-ern sanctions are limited and conditional. It has been made clear that they will be lifted, the must listen to western conveniences are released, and ranted interference but basic dialogue resumed with Solida-

The western response to rity. The choice therefore lies events in Poland is still in a with Warsaw and Moscow.

mess. It is now nearly three. They can get the sanctions is to move faster and more.

The West therefore has no. What is the West to do? political or chief easier for a Polish liberals who have been in making life easier for a neo-Stalinist regime. The blunt message should be that if the Russians misse on having such a regime in Warsaw they should pay the full price for it, which means. taking over the full burden of Poland's economy and paying its debts. If they do not like this, and want the West to share the burden, then they must listen to western con-ditions. This is not "unwarranted interference" but basic

is to move faster and more effectively with the sanctions agreed in Brussels. This will be difficult. The western system is based on free enterprise and free competition, so it cannot easily harness commerce to politics. There is also a natural reluctance to lose good contracts and the jobs that go with them. Nevertheless, if the West is to be taken seriously it must be prepared to make sacrifices, and there are certain things that governments can do, particularly with

regard to credits.

If these moves have no effect the West should make a direct threat to declare Poland in default. Obviously, if carried out, this would create serious problems in the West. Some western banks would go bankrupt unless supported. The PSBR would be raised by the need to honour government guarantees. But the consequences for Poland would be worse because it would be reduced to trading in cash, and it cannot do without western trade. There would also be repercussions on the rest of eastern Europe. On balance, therefore, the bargaining power is with the West. It should be used. ...

To throw the entire Polish economic mess into the lap of the Russians would be logical, specific and very expensive for the Russians, but if they want an oppressive and inefficient regime in Poland they should take full economic as well as political responsibility.

SWORDS AND PLOUGH SHARES

reservists and providing adventure training for a few future emergencies, not just thousand unemployed youngthe too narrowly defined sters is to be welcomed, as far comingency of a breakdown as it goes; but it does not go in nuclear deterrence. The very far. Last June he said bankruptcy of this policy was that the Government was fully apparent only a few determined to give greater years ago when the strain of emphasis to the reserve law enforcement in Northern forces, and this has now Ireland virtually incapacitated forces, and this has now ireland virtually incapacitated to an increase of the army for any other resulted in an increase of the army for any other 16,000 men in the Territorial purpose, in spite of its con-Army. No increase, however tinuing pretence to meet Nato trade which would be valuable should be decried, but and global commitments.

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This goes against the whole capacity in the training principle of reserve power, establishments of all three which should be based on the services. That training caview that - in peacetime, or pacity should not be frittered relative peacetime such as we away providing canoe trips have - one's standing force, and such like. It is the seed should only be allowed to corn of the country's future contract if the reserve forces military potential. But it is

Mr John Nott's announce that way the nation preserves trade training improves the ment about increasing the machinery for military expanquality of those who pass reservists and providing addition to meet a whole range of through the machine in a

to go to. Mr Nott's new reservists the heart of the question of therefore, will provide some reserve military power, and temporary palliative to the he should try again.

the heart of the question of therefore, will provide some temporary palliative to the regular army. But, if even Britain's strategic defence Northern Ireland can inca-

volunteer armed forces, services, and the consequen-backed up by even fewer tial reduction in recruitment, had produced some spare

social as well as a military sense. Social and military qualities are not necessarily incompatible. There is more to military training now than learning to kill. There is more to it even than gunnery, tactics or fieldcraft. It is noticeable that four out of every five recruits enlist because they wish to learn a

The national value of this

training machine is thus not only that it trains servicemen with technical skills. Most of training establishments and their counterparts in indus-try, particularly in junior management and trade train-The proposal for adventure ing. When the economy picks up we will again need more skilled manpower than exists. We should harness the military training machine to this future industrial and economic requirement, by using its spare capacity now to turn out young men and women trained in modern techniques. In peacetime there is always. pressure to turn swords into ploughshares. But we should not forget the service training machine's ability to turn out contract if the reserve forces military potential. But it is swordsmen who are plough-correspondingly expand. In more than this, since military men too; and the better for it.

THE CANDID FRIEND

AND THE PROPERTY OF THE PARTY O diplomatic finesse:

It would have been much easier for him to avoid going there. No European head of state has ever done so before. (unless we count Pope Paul VI in 1964). The unanimous advice of the French foreign ministry must surely have said, are not necessarily the been against it, in view of the best basis for international danger that it would severely relations. But they are not the damage France's standing in worst either. Whatever is the the Arab world, which is correct route to a peaceful worth hundreds of millions of settlement of the Arab-Israel dollars in commercial con- conflict, it surely must lie tracts. Events since his elec- through an improvement of tion, which twice caused him communications on all sides to postpone the visit — the rather than through cutting Israeli raid on the Iraqi them off. The Arabs have a nuclear reactor, in which a case for regarding as an French technician was killed, enemy someone who gives and then the annexation of practical help, especially in a the Golan Heights - could military form, to a state.

M Mitterrand chose to disregard those arguments, for reasons which are surely of communication with that honourable. He has always state, including communi-been regarded, and evidently cation at the highest political regards himself, as a "friend friend of her present prime

By speaking frankly to the them with weapons and economister, but a friend of the Israelis, and in particular by degree of responsibility for lewish people and a strong voicing his opinion that the degree of responsibility for believer in their right to an Belevisian like the Israelis, their policies believer in their right to an Palestinians - like the Israelis their policies.

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Personal ethics, it may be easily have been taken as a which is refusing to relinpretext to cancel it alrogether. quish occupied Arab territory. They should not so regard anyone who seeks simply to maintain channels

themselves - are entitled to their own state, M Mitterrand has surely earned the gratitude of all those Arabs who genu-inely seek a peaceful solution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. By stating at the same time that the Palestinians is something the Arabs can understand, for it is an Arab proverb which says: "Your friend is he who tells you the truth, not he who keeps of force against it, M Mittermust, in order to participate in rand says no more than he and other European leaders have repeatedly fold the Arabs 3 their faces. In fact, he is stating the obvious. But he is certainly right to make sure that he is clearly seen to be saying the same to both sides - something his foreign minister, M Cheysson, has not always been sufficiently care ful about.

Finally, M Mitterrand is right, in principle, to say that the task of finding a solution to the conflict is one for the peoples of the region rather than for outsiders. But since, as he also said, "any regional crisis that lasts a long time attracts like moths the world powers who seek any occasion to try out their strength", it would be naive to suppose that the peoples of the region are acting with total autonomy. The great powers who supply

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of view a reserve of trained manpower is now more than ever

necessary due to the reduction in the strength of the Armed Services. From the social aspect a

period of compulsory service for one's country would be just what is needed at this time.

May I elaborate a little on what

May I elaporate a little off what I believe is needed. It is that, on leaving school, for perhaps a year, every boy and girl should serve their country in some capacity. Some should go into the

fighting services, some into all suitable forms of government service such as civil defence, the

Health Service, council and community work, fire services, and so on. As far as is possible they should enter the form of service of their choice but that would not always be possible.

would not always be possible.

The important thing is that

The important thing is that there should be no exceptions whatever so that nobody would feel "caught" compared to anyone else. Those not fully physically fit would of course be found jobs that were possible for them to carry out. Such a scheme would have the benefit of providing a job to go to on leaving school and, it is to be hoped, instil gradually a sense of national conscience and disci-

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The cost need not be great. Pay could, and should, be small. Uniforms need not in all cases be complicated and perhaps in some instances an armband would suffice.

It is far too important a

national issue to become a party political football and it is hoped

that the principle would have all-party support and be honoured by whatever party was in power.

The nomenclature of such

service is a small but important point. "Conscription" would be a word to avoid. "National Service".

is what it would in fact be but as

the proposed scheme is far wider than the previous national service into the armed services only, it would seem politic to use a different name. Your article

referred to "Youth Service" and perhaps that could be appropriate. One can almost hear the comment that the trade unions would never agree. This is a different issue but suffice it at

this juncture to say that on this vital issue of service to the nation

the unions should not be-permitted to sabotage the scheme in any way.

Yours faithfully,

JOHN WYLD, Higher Austy House,

Dorchester,

February 28.

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coalfield

From Mr Madron Seligman, MEP for West Sussest (Conservative) and others

Sir, The letter from Mr Joe Gormley (February 17) answers Mr Ronald Butt's article about mr konaid Butt's article about the proposed development of north-east Leicestershire coal-field with a strong argument in favour of the need to exploit the UK's natural resources. However, the case for proceeding with this project is even wider

than that.
The European Commission supported the development of this coalfield at the public enquiry, arguing that the Euro-pean Community "must maintain a substantial and economically viable coal industry to avoid still greater dependence on imported energy". A healthy coal mining industry as the Government has often said, plays a vital part in Community security as well as conomic strategy.

At present the demand for coal

is artificially low, due to world-wide recession. Consequently stocks are building up and people are questioning the need for additional mining capacity. This can only be a short term view. By the year 2000 it is calculated that European coal consumption will rise from the present 314 million tons to over 500 million tons a year, as supplies of alternative fuels, oil and gas,

decline.

Great Britain's coal industry will have a key role to play in this situation, by investing in new capacity. Even so, it is estimated that Europe will still be dependent on imports of coal in the year 2000, amounting to some 240 willion tons against the present decline. nillion tons, against the present

74 million tons,
Furthermore, unless new
mines are opened, skilled mineworkers will have no jobs to go
to when their present mines are
exhausted; and the Community can ill afford to lose such men, who are, by family tradition, prepared to work thousands of feet underground.

The environmental impact of deep mines on "green field" sites can be greatly reduced if precan be greatly reduced it pre-cautions are taken from the beginning. While the first coal from the new north-east Leices-tershire coalfield will probably not emerge before the early 1990s we must be sure that any effect on the local environment is reduced to the absolute mini-

mum. Yours faithfully, MADRON SELIGMAN, J. SCOTT-HOPKINS, FRED CATHERWOOD, ROBERT MORELAND, European Democratic Group, 32 Smith Square, SW1.

Troubled Poland

From Mr D. P. McLaughlin Sir, Two cheers for your near-generous leading article, "Por-trait of a party man" (February

Human rights 24). Your reasoned assessment of the political difficulties faced by the Polish Deputy. Premier, Mr Rakowski, offers some redress for the offence occasioned by the shrewish and ill-mannered interview by Ms Fallaci which you published on the Monday and Transday.

From the Archbishop of the Indian Ocean

Sir, The foreign policy of the British Government with regard to human rights is now so ambivalent as to have lost all moral content. On the one hand it sympatry.

Tuesday.

The travail of Poland is too tragic a matter for the Poles, the tragic a matter for the roles, the Soviet Russian sphere of influ-ence, and the world, to be trivialized by the personality-clashing prose of irate journal-

More power to the elbows of More power to the ellows of campaigning commentators, but the apparently wilful failure of Ms Fallaci to honour the patent integrity of this troubled politician angered and saddened me. The fact that I am consoled by your leading article does not help me to understand why you bought the Fallaci piece in the first place. Yours faithfully,

DAVID P. McLAUGHLIN, 8 Northolme Road, Islington, NS.

From Mr Norman Gear Sir, May I protest against the appalling distortion of Marxist philosophy which appears in the

philosophy which appears in the leader column of your paper today (February 24). You write, in connexion with the Polish Deputy Premier, "he speaks as a true Marxist when he utters the chilling remark that 'in politics the indvidual does not count?".

Anyone who has read Marx will know that throughout his life he stressed the right, and the need, of the individual to fulfil his unique nature within a just unique nature within a just society. It was Marx's argument that it was the capitalist system which denied, frustrated and perverted human nature. Looking around Western Europe today, with its ever more tasteless commercialism and its millions of unemployed, who can deny that he was right?

Yours sincerely. NORMAN GEAR, 55 Caerleon Road, Dinas Powis, South Glamorgan.

Page of honour

From Mr William Shawcross

Sir, If as your diarist alleges, (February 26), the enemies of Bruce Page, till now the editor of the New Statesman, consider him "the Pol. Pot of British journalism", then no one would want such people as friends. Far from being a force of evil and wanton destruction, Bruce Page is a brilliantly creative and original journalist who has immeasurably enriched British reporting. He was the driving force behind many of the most important investigations published over the last fifteen years. The list of young journalists whom he has generally encouraged is longer still. I hope he's in the business a long time yet. Yours etc.,

WILLIAM SHAWCROSS, 17 Parkhill Road, NW3.

Case for Belvoir Practical benefits of national service

From Lieutenant General Sir John From Mr John Wyld Sir, May I congratulate you on your excellent leading article on February 27. You put convincingly into words what, I suspect, most sensible people in this country have been thinking for some time. From a defence point of view a reserve of trained Cowley

Sir, Your leading article of February 27 on the subject of the abolition of national service in this country 25 years ago con-tains the sentence "a security cossetted by the self satisfaction. of the armed forces at being once again left alone with their professionalism. The social consequences of the abolition seem also to have been ignored."

I recollect clearly a meeting held in London shortly before the

final decision to abolish national service was taken. I was instructed to attend this meeting to represent the War Office view, 28 the Army was the service to be most affected by this decision.

A number of speakers who were professors of education,

sociology and other related subjects spoke first. The main theme of their speeches was that national service was damaging to the youth of this country and, if it were abolished, school leavers would go straight to further education, or to jobs in industry or the professions without wastor the professions without wasting eighteen months or two years of their formative life in the armed services. Your paper indeed wrote a leading article headed "Wasting time", a quote from my short speech saying that all young people maintain that doing something they do not want to do is "wasting time".

The only speech in favour of retaining national service was made by the War Office representative. I said that it had turned the regular services into training organizations for young men, and

organizations for young men, and from a professional point of view this could not be considered the role for which the services had been formed, but there was no doubt that from the wider point of view it was beneficial to the youth of the country. It instilled youth of the country. It instilled a sense of comradeship and discipline during the early years of a young man's life, the old Etonian met the shop floor worker on equal terms, and both received the same treatment from the sergeant major. These same two might today be working together in the same company.

together in the same company. when their national service was over, each man was asked the question on a slip of paper "Do you consider you have benefited from your period of national service?" No signature was required. Over 90 per cent answered "Yes".

The psychologists and the

answered "Yes".

The psychologists and the sociologists won the day. National service was abolished and cannot now be restarted—but 25 years later to blame the "undermanned and overpaid armed forces", self satisfied "at blame once again left alone with being once again left alone with their professionalism" is hardly fair.

Yours faithfully, JOHN COWLEY, Whytemole, Sandy Down, Lymington, Hampshire,

supports massive sanctions against both the USSR and Poland and demands an end to martial law and the release of Mr. Lech. Walesa and all other detainees.

On the other it is totally opposed to effective sanctions against South Africa, whose government has for generations denied basic human rights to the majority of its own citizens, is in illustrations of Namibia and illegal occupation of Namibia and has, in recent months, greatly increased its aggression against virtually all its African neighbours.

On February 5 this year yet another detainee, Dr Neil Aggett,

and in solitary confinement by weeks, was found dead in his cell.

The British Government has refused to make any public protest about his death, yet never ceases to protest about the house arrest of Mr Lech Walesa. Both Dr Aggett and Mr Walesa were involved, as trade unionists, in opposition to their governments.

Perhaps Lord Carrington would explain the moral justification for the difference in official attitudes between the two cases; more particularly in terms of the Helsinki Decalaration and the UN Charter. The political justification is, alas, not so difficult to determine.

I remain, Sir, yours faithfully, TREVOR HUDDLESTON, CR, Bishops House, Mauritius. February 25.

EEC and El Salvador From Mr Evan Luard

Sir, Over recent years the EEC has been seeking, through "political co-operation", to adopt common policies on certain major international issues. major international issues. Should not the next effort of this kind be an attempt by the EEC to persuade the United States of the need for a negotiated settlement

United States advisers are themselves now warning, it is reported, that it is unlikely that the government forces in that country will be able to achieve a decisive victory. Yet by providing unconditional assistance and support to a government which is palpably unable to control the nuruerous elements acting in its name, the United States is identifying itself with political forces that are increasingly reviled by a large proportion of the population of El Salvador and alignating a substratial continue. murderous elements acting in its alienating a substantial section of losing the support of the United States electorate itself.

opinion in Latin America generally. It is under increasing criticism from its allies in Western Europe and elsewhere. And it is now, it seems, even

Oxford today

From Mr K. M. Spence Sir, In seeking to refute a prejudice that would discourage

together in the common weal. Twenty years later my son was questioned by only one subject tutor at the same place, who seemed concerned by specialist Fulham, SW6. points alone.

Most people would accept that the long term aim in El Salvador must be to establish there a government which is acceptable to the majority of its people. No reasonable person can believe that the election now planned, taking place in conditions of violent civil conflict, with substantial parts of the country not under the control of the govern-ment and others disturbed by continual fighting, can provide any indication of what sort of government the people of El Salvador desire, Negotiations could be the stantial parts of the country not

means of establishing a coalition government, representing different political forces in the country, which could then prepare the way for elections on mutually agreed terms. Such elections since they could take place in peaceful conditions, are more likely to bring about a government most people in El Salvador could support than those that are now to take place.

Majority!

To elect a council that is abolitionist on this issue would require far more than a two-thirds majority among SDP members as a whole — something that is a support than the support than those that are now to take place.

EVAN LUARD, 35 Observatory Street, Oxford

prejudice that would discourage young people from Oxford entry, because it "would simply preserve a rotten system", Mr Harry Judge, Tutor for Admissions at Brasenose ("The new Oxford snobbery", February 24) hurries by a significant change in the selection method, which has implications on the product.

Teflect credit on the specialist rutor. Which is the best method and potential product for the individual, college and university?

I was accepted. My son was rejected. He subsequently gained a first at the LSE and led several extra-curricular activities. Ironic. implications on the product.

A mixed group of different opinions suggests a balanced, catholic result for the "whole man". Solo judgment may favour only those who would ultimately reflect credit on the specialist and potential product for the individual, college and univer-

extra-curricular activities. Ironic, In 1949 my entry to Brasenose isn't it? There is something of included an interview by a Spenlow and Jorkins about Mr number of college fellows acting Judge's choice of ground.

Yours faithfully. KENNETH M. SPENCE. 60 Ellerby Street, February 25.

Palumbo plan for Mansion House

From Sir John Summerson, FBA

Sir, Some ten years ago I saw the plans of Mr Peter Palumbo's Mansion .House project (The Times, February 25) when they were exhibited at the Royal Exchange. They seemed to me then to represent a marvellously exciting architectural adventure which should, but obviously would not, be put in hand directly. Now these plans are again before us with long-term but wholly realistic proposals for their execution. They still seem to me to promise a beneficial and in many ways beautiful alteration of the City scene, but on every hand come warnings that they

will not do. A variety of reasons is given. 1.

Mies van der Rohe is "old hat".

2. A number of "listed" buildings 2. A number of "listed" buildings would be lost. 3. The monumental elevations exposed to the new square were not meant to be seen like that. 4. Open spaces contrived in built-up areas are draughty and squalid, 5. The new square is not "in character" with London. My experience of archi-London. My experience of architectural change over 60 years leads me to feel some sympathy with some of these objections but when I come to add them up I find myself with a pathetic aggregate of disconnected and even contradictory half-truths at the root of which is a deep-seated for the contradictory half-truths at the root of which is a deep-seated fear that, in our time, any change in an urban environment is

certain to be for the worse.

Now, if the Palumbo scheme is frustrated, what happens? The listed buildings in Poultry and Queen Victoria Street will be retained, skin deep, with new insides, offering to the public a moderately interesting museum of mid-Victorian architecture.

This is all right, but at what a cost! The opportunity will have certain to be for the worse. cost! The opportunity will have been lost of creating, in what has become a high-rise City, what I would like to call a "forum of release" from the tensions which gather so greedily around the Mansion House, the Royal Ex-

change and the Bank.

The new square would not, of course, be a "London square" in the traditional sense or anything like. It would be unique and peculiar, its success unpredictable (is success ever predictable in a town-planning enterprise?). But I believe there is more to be said for it, and by people with more town-planning expertise than I possess, than has, so far, been said against it.

Yours etc., JOHN SUMMERSON, 1 Eton Villas, NW3. February 28.

Arts Council chairman

From Mr Peter Plouviez Sir. The appointment of Sir William Rees-Mogg as chairman of the Arts Council is disturbing after being held "incomunicado" in that it has been said that he will remain vice-chairman of the BBC while carrying out his new

sponsibilities. We believe that both the BBC and the Arts Council of Great Britain are bodies of immense importance to the artistic and cultural life of Britain, but that it is desirable for them to remain completely independent of each other in order to fulfil their complementary but quite distinc-

Although Sir William may be admirably qualified for either of the positions in question, we do not believe that he or anyone else should hold both simultaneously. Yours faithfully, PETER PLOUVIEZ,

General Secretary, British Actors Equity Association, 8 Harley Street, W1.

Women's equality

From Mr George Mandel

Sir, I wish Jill Tweedie's letter about women in the SDP (Pebruary 23) had contained less abuse and more of the thoughtfulness she claims to favour.
One question that thoughtful members of the SDP might they members of the SDP might like to consider, especially if they have not made up their minds how to vote in the forthcoming ballot on the proposal at issue (that half the places on the party's National Council should be received for women) is what be reserved for women), is what will happen if the proposal is adopted and subsequently regret-ted. Getting it rescinded will not be at all easy. Altering a be at all easy. Altering a provision of the constitution will require a two-thirds majority on the council; but what council elected under such a system is ever likely to contain such a

Is this not the course which the EEC should now be urging on the United States administration? ought to be more widely understood, because it shows up the rule's fundamentally undemo-cratic nature so clearly. Youure faithfully,

GEORGE MANDEL, The Old Stores, Oxford. February 28.

From Professor C. P. Fitzgerald Sir, In the article of March 3 "Few will escape seat belt laws" the article concludes with the dread admonition that "the driver will be responsible for ensuring that children under 14 are belted if in a front seat." With, or without, their parents' consent? Yours faithfully,

.C. P. FITZGERALD, Savile Club, 69 Brook Street, W1. March 3.



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Fishmongers' Hall on March 23.

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The Queen visited the Annual
Stallion Show of the National
Light Horse Breeding Society at

Miller).

Her Majesty later honoured the President of the Society with her presence at luncheon in Tattersalls Rooms.

The Hon Mary Morrison, Mr Robert Fellowes and Squadron Leader Adam Wise were in attendance.

attendance.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were present this evening at a Gala Evening in aid of the Order of St John and The Prince's Trust at the Barbican Centre for Arts and Conferences.

Major John Winter and Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith were in attendance.

The Prince of Wales will open the new premises of Quaker Oats at Southall and visit the National Association of Asian Youth in Southall, on April 29. Later he will visit the National Centre for Industrial Language Training in Southall.

The Princess Anne. Mrs Mark Phillips continued her visit to Northern Ireland today.
Her Royal Highness, attended by Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke, later returned in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight to Royal Air Force Lyneham. Force Lyneham. By command of The Queen, the

By command of The Queen, the Earl of Avon (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the arrival of the Governor-General of Antigua and Barbuda and Lady Jacobs, and welcomed their Excellencies on behalf of Her Maiesty.

Horner will be neid at Newmann College, Cambridge today at 3.15.

A service of thanksgiving for the arrival of Robert Metherell Willis will be held in the Perish Church of St Mary with St Nicholas, Excellencies on behalf of Her Maiesty.

marriages

Mr A. J. White and Miss T. M. Hugo

and Miss E. H. M. Leapman
The engagement is aonounced
hetween Nicholas, Youngest son
of Colonel and Mrs H. E. Hunter
Joues of Church Farm, Laugham,
Essex, and Emma, second daughter of Mr and the Hon Mrs J. F.
M. Leapman, of La Hougue
Grange Grouville, Jersey.

The engagement is announced between Christopher John, son of Mr and Mrs A. C. Barber, of Macclesfield, Cheshire, and Julia Madeleine, youngest daughter of Dr and Mrs J. F. Rickards, of Bwich, Abersoch, Gwynedd.

Mr J. C. Colvile and Miss M. A. Banks-Martin

and Miss A. Burland The engagement is announced between Richard, elder some of Mr and Mrs Harold Gillis, of Sandy Lodge, Carnoustie, and Anna, daughter of Mr. David Burland and the late Mrs David Burland, of 1 Denewood Avenue, Birmingham 20.

Mr P. Hamilton

and Miss J. Oddy
The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hamilton, of Felpham, Sussex, and Julie, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Noel Oddy, of London, SW1.

Mr C. L. Williams
and Miss C. Williams
and Christine Williams, of Fedgbaston, Birmingham, and Christine Williams, of Technology Review Profesters
and Miss C. L. Williams Noel Oddy, of London, SW1.

Mr J. E. D. Hughes and Miss K. J. Peek

The engagement is announced between James Edward David, younger son of Mr T. G. E. Hughes, of Downderry, and Mrs M. Hughes, of Plymouth, and Katherine Julia, youngest daughter of Captain and Mrs W. G. Peek, of Hazelwood, Loddiswell, Devon!

Mr T. A. Mitchison and Ms D. S. Kahn

The engagement is announced between Terence, son of Pro-fessor and Mrs D. A. Mitchison, of Richmond, Surrey, and Diana, daughter of Mr and Mrs H. V. Kahn, of Kinnerton Street, SW1. Christopher de la Hey.

Leon Bakst, designer for Diaghilev, topped Sotheby's sale of Ballet and Theatre material yesterday when his exotic water-colour of "La Sultane Jaune" sold for a record £33,000. That almost doubled the previous record for the artist of £17,050, paid at Sotheby's last October.

The woman, in turban, slippers and little else, was painted in 1916 and inspired by Bakst's own oriental ballet, Scheherazade, which caused a scandal in its time. Another Bakst design for a "Negro Dancer" also made a

mine. Autober Bakst design for a "Negro Dancer" also made a record at £19,250, only to be broken minutes later by the Sultane. Yet another Bakst, his vivid costume design for "Judith", complete with severed head of Holofernes, from the opera of 1922, made £13,200, paid by a London dealer, and "Fantasy of Modern Fashion, Atlante" also by Bakst and signed and dated 1912, sold for £9,680 to an anonymous buyer. A design by Alexandra Exter for "Two Duelling figures", of about 1926, sold for £3,740 and Natalya Gontcharova's "Abstract Portrait of Diaghilev", went for £3,080

A Victoria Cross awarded on D-

A Victoria Cross awarded on D-Day realized a world record at E32,000. The buyer was an anonymous English collector bidding by telephone against a London dealer. The Victoria Cross was awarded to Company Sergeant Major Stanley Hollis, of The Cream Howards, and with his

The Green Howards, and with his seven other medals, it was expected to fetch about £20,000.

The Duke of Edinburgh, president of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, will attend the council's annual meeting at Fishmongers' Hall on March 23.

The Duke of Edinburgh, chairman of the Royal Society of Arts Committee for the Environment, will chair a meeting of the committee at Buckingham Palace on March 25.

Princess Margaret, Countess Snowdon, will open the Burlington House Fair at the Royal Academy of Arts on March 11. The President of Zimbabwe is 46

A memorial service for Dr I. B. Horner will be held at Newnham College, Cambridge today at 3.15.

Mr D. A. Lynas and Miss U. Lightfoot, Forthcoming . and Miss U. Lightfoot, The engagement is announced between David Anthony, younger son of the late Mr C. C. Lynas and Mrs S. Lynas, of Claygate, Surrey, formerly of Salisbury, Zimbabwe, and Ursula, younger daughter of the late Mr E. H. Lightfoot and Mrs U. E. A. Lightfoot, of Withington, Manchester.

The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Major and Mrs Jeremy White, of Leckhampstead House, Buckingham, and Tessa, younger daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir John Hugo, KCVO, OBE, and Lady Hugo, of Nizels, Keut Mr G. J. Palmer and Miss S. E. Holt The engagement is announced between Graham, younger son of the late Mr J. A. Palmer and of Mrs J. E. Palmer, of Orford, Kent, and Sharon, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. G. H. Holt, of Kemsing, Kent.

Mr N. R. Hunter Jones and Miss E. H. M. Leapman

Mr C. J. Barber and Miss J. M. Rickards

Dr S. D. W. Payne
and Dr A. I., Wight
The engagement is announced
between Simon, son of Dr and
Mrs E. E. Payne, Cardiff, and
Allsa, daughter of Mr and Mrs W.
J. Wight, Pording, Kirkcudbrightshire. Mr C. J. H. Roberts and Miss C. M. Tanner Mr G. I. A. Chapman and Miss S. J. Field

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Squadron Leader and Mrs E. H. Roberts, of North Warnborough, Hampshire, and Catherine, second daughter of Mr C. R. Tanner, of Guildford, Surrey, and of the late Mrs Jenny Tanner, sometime residents of Buenos Aires, Argentina. The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G. R. Chapman, of Murray Road, Wimbledon, and Shirley, only daughter of Mr and Mrs H. D. Field, of Redhill, Surrey.

Mr J. G. Clunies-Ross and Miss A. V. Vickers

Banks-Martin, of Bradford-on- Mr and Mrs Leo Vickers, of Ayon, Wittshire. Chichester, West Sussex.

Mr C. J. Teuma and Miss J. E. Spittle

The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. P. Teuma, of Wimbledon, and Julie, 19 Leuma, of Wimbledon, and Julie, Mr A. E. Spittle and Mrs Spittle, of Briton Ferry, West Glamorgan.

Williams, of Edgbaston, Birming-ham, and Christine Williams, of Dolybont, Borth, Dyfed.

The engagement is announced

of the Rev C. G. and Mrs Wilson, of Crewe, Cheshire, and Katherine, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs K. I. Hayes, of Auckland, New Zauland.

Marriage

Major P. V. L. Verney and Mrs C. G. J. O. de la Hey The marriage took place in London on March 4 between Major Peter Verney and Mrs

Record for Bakst watercolour



A posy of flowers for Princess Anne yesterday when she visited an agricultural research institute in Ulster.

Bovine salute for Princess Anne in Ulster

From Richard Ford, Belfast

As if by royal command, a shed of Friesian cows rose to their feet as Princess Anne approached them during a approached them during a brief visit to an agricultural research institute in Northern Ireland yesterday. However, as befits a farmer's wife the Princess, was unperturbed as she discussed the research work being carried out with officials.

Her short visit to the

Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was host yester-day at a luncheon at Carlton Gardens, given in honour of the High Commissioner of Botswana.

Middlesex County Association

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The Lord Mayor and Lady
Mayoress of Wwstminster were
guests at a funcheon held by the
Middlesex County Association at
Ealing, Catering College yesterday. Mr R. Pobieyam, president,
and Colonel W. D. Morris,
chairman, accompanied by Mrs
Politeyan and Mrs Morris,
welcomed the guests. The Hon.
Ewen Montagu, QC, was among
the speakers.

Butchers' company
Mr Norman L. Hall., deputy,
master of the Butchers' Company, presided at a court luncheonheld at Butchers' Hall yesterday.
The Bishop of London was the
guest of honour and speaker.
The Rev Arthur W. S. Brown also

Requiem Mass

Lady Waechter de Grimston

Lady Waechter de Grimston
Requiem Mass for Lady Waechter
de Grimston was celebrated at St
Hilda's Priory, Whitby, on
Wednesday, March 3. Father
John Payne officiated, assisted
by Father Harold Norton, Father
John Cave and the Very Rev
Allan Shaw. Canon Alum Morris
gave an address. Among those
present were:

present were: Nrs J Bell. Mrs T Hellyer. Mrs B Hay Sur Robert and Lady Hobart, Mr and Mrs Hobart-Hampden, Mr & Hellyer

Mrs Hobart Hampden, Mr B Hellyer frousins! Lady Kenyon, Colonel and Mrs R Alec-Smith, Father Aguinas, Mr and Mrs R Berry, Mr D-Botham, Mrs J Cave, Mr S Hellyer, Mr S Grabtree, Mr D Forster, Mr K Harrison, Mr and Mrs N Hillyages, Bra R Hellby, Mrs C Ireson, Mr E Lington, Mr and Mrs J Kenyon, Mr and Mrs J Kenyon, Mr and Mrs D Maslin, Mr and Mrs D Marting, Mr A Readman, Miss I Stalker, the Rev P Siringer, Mr R Taylor, Mr J Tindall, Mr and Mrs D Maslin, Mr a Readman, Miss I Stalker, the Rev P Siringer, Mr R Taylor, Mr J Tindall, Mr and Mrs A Todd, Mrs W de Wend Fenton, Dr A Wild, Mrs E Williams, Canon J Wrangham Hardy and Mrs M Wrangham Hardy.

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Latest estates include (net,
before tax paid):
Lord, Lady, of Beacousfield,
Buckinghamshire, widow of Sir
Frank Lord, intestate£163,673
Wigley, Mr George, of Chorlton
cum Hardy, Manchester, company director£1,571,506

After the Chinese Government declared stamp collecting legal in the late 1970s, interest has grown rapidly and a Stanley Gibbons auction of rare stamps held in Hongkong on March 3 and 4 realized just over £111,000 (our

Latest wills

"La Sultane Juane", sold for £33,000

Hollis was awarded the Victoria Cross for his part in the assauft on the Normandy beaches, when he captured a pillbox single-handed and later in the day rescued two of his men trapped in a house by enemy gumfire. The sale of medals realized a total of £190.227.

Dinners

Luncheons

HM Government

was the only occasion when the Princess left the castle nearby and was the one chance that a small number of the public had to see her stayed overnight after dining during a two-day visit to the province.

She was driven under tight ern Ireland.

Bentham Club

Arts Club

Medical Society of London
Cardroal Hume was the principal
guest at the annual dinner of the
Medical Society of London held
at the Royal College of Physicians last night. Dr Ewart M.
Jepson, president, was in the
chair.

Michael Beaus, Aut. n.c., HQ:
RAF Support Command. was the
principal guest. Air Vice-Marshal.
R. C. F. Peirse, AOC and
Commandent of RAF College
Cranwell, and Prof. E. Sunderland, Pro-Vice-Chantellor of
Durham University, were also
present.

HM Government
Lord Carrington, Secretary of University College, London yesState for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheou at Admiralty of Session, Lord Emslie, presiHouse, given in honour of dent gave the presidential adProfessor Mochtar Kusumaatmadia, Foreign Minister of law of Scotland. Among those

security in a bullet-proof car to the institute, where she visited the dairy and poultry

The Archbishop of Canterbury was the principal guest and speaker at a house dinner held at the Arts Club, 40 Dover Street on March 2. He was accompanied by the Rev Richard Chartres.

Northumbrian Universities Air Squadron

Service dinner

Birthdays today

Mr Barry Tuckwell, the

horn soloist and con-

ductor, who is 51.

Sir David Cairns, 80; the Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, 55; Sir Frank Figgures, 72; Professor C. P. Fitzgerakl, 80; Mr Rex Harrison, 74; Mr Anthony Hedges, 51; Archbishop Bruno Heim, 71; Lord Kilmany, 77; Major-General Sir Denzil Macarthur-Onslow, 78; Sir John Macarthur-Onslow, 78; Sir John Mar

Major-General Sir Denzil Macar-thur-Onslow, 78; Sir John Mar-shall, CH, 70; Dr Walter Mar-shall, 50; Sir Derek Mitchell, 60; Vice-Admiral Sir Peverill Wil-liam-Powlett, 84; Mr Des Wilson,

Latest appointments

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Latest appointments include:

The Duke of Edinburgh to be vice-president of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, the scientific branch of the World Wildlife Fund.

Sir Mark Heath, Minister to the Holy See, to be the first Ambassador to the Holy See.

Mr Derrik Mercer to be associate editor of ITN with responsibility for the mid-evening news and news analysis programme which ITN will be providing for Channel 4.

Mr David Cocks to be managing

Channel 4. Mr David Cocks. to be managing director of Suffolk Group Radio,

the company formed to operate the new independent local radio

n at Bury St Edmunds.

Legal
Mr Justice Leonard to be a presiding judge on the Wales and Chester circuit in place of Mr. Justice Phillips from April 20.

institute, at Hillsborough,

Earlier at Hillsborough Castle, Princess Anne had presented insignia to 18 people from Ulster honoured in the new year list. She had

Later she attended a reception and lunch for members of The Save the Children

president, before leaving by

Security was tight around Hillsborough and the castle and its grounds were ringed by patrolling soldiers, RUC officers and members of the

Special Branch.

The Princess last visited the province in 1977, when she spent five hours attending the spring meeting of The Save the Children Fund.

Ignorance 'stands in way of jobs for disabled'

The presidential dinner of the Bentham Chib took place at University College, London yesterday. The Lord Justice-General and Lord President of the Court of Session, Lord Emslie, president gave the presidential ad-Ignorance and prejudice stand in the way of disabled people who want to work, according to the authors of a new guide for employers. They say there are a million disabled people able to work in Britain but a fifth are unemployed.

work in pirang you unemployed.

Dr Meivyn Kettle, a senior research fellow in rehabiliation studies at Aston University said that more than half of all registered disabled people have been out of work for more than a

been out of work for more than a year.

"Most employers do not understand disability and tend to look at what disabled people cannot do rather than what they can achieve", said Mr Bert Massie, co-author of the guide, who has been disabled since childhood: He is executive assistant to the director of the Royal Association for Disability; and Rehabilitation. "The situ-

ation has become far worse since national unemployment has been rising", he added.

national unemployment has been rising", he added.

Information compiled by Dr Kettle and Mr Massie was used yesterday to launch a campaign to help employers to overcome fears about taking on disabled workers. It is supported by Lord Snowdon, the former England president of the International Year of Disabled people.

Writing in the foreword of the Employers' Guide to Disabilities, he said: "The guide should help to displet many of the myths and false beliefs that have been partly responsible for disabled people being denied their rightful place in the nation's workforte".

The campaign was launched in Loudon by Mr Graham Savin, personnel manager of corporate functions at Sheli QK, who said: "Lebesve the guide will persuade, and educate employers".

Planning in London criticized By Hugh Clayton

Architects complained yesterday

Squadron

Squadron Leader D. Wooldridge,
Commanding Officer, and members of the squadron were hosts
at the annual dinner of the
Northumbrian Universities Air.
Squadron held at RAF Leeming
last night. Air Marshall. Sir.
Michael Beatis, AOC-in-C, HQ
RAF Support Command, was the
principal guest. Air Vice-Marshal
R. C. F. Peirse, AOC and
Commandent of RAF College
Cranwell, and Prof E. Sunderland, Pro-Vice-Chantellor of
Durliam University, were also that planning procedures in some London boroughs were so entangled with politics that the entanged with points that the social and environmental aspects of building proposals were often lost. An architect questioned in a survey of 100 London practices complained that "politicians try to use planning applications as means to secure votes". Another means to secure voices. Another said that the attitudes of the planning departments reflect the political attitudes of the boronghs."

The survey was conducted by Lindon Architect, the journal of the London region of the Royal Institute of British, Architects, and contains a wide variety of complaints about delays and obstructions in the planning departments of London boroughs.

departments of London boroughs.

The time taken to process planning applications varied from four weeks to almost 10 months; and many f the architects questioned were dissatisfied with the qualifications and availability of planning staff.

The journal quoted one architect as saying: "It is difficult to speak to senior officials; we get palmed off with some junior hack." Another protested about "too much interference by inexperienced assistants who have diplomas in geography and have never drawn a building in their lives."

The results of the survey reflect the frosty relations between professions as the recession and local government spending cuts reduce the numbers of commissions and jobs. Architects, planners and sur-

Architects, planners and sur-veyors sometimes maintain that they are each best qualified to perform some of the work done perform some of the work done by the others.

The London survey showed a desire for informal discussions about planning applications before the process began so that reasons for objecting could be spotted without going through the first laborious weeks of the formal process.

VIKING EXHIBITS

Mr Kenneth Pearson, chairman of The Vikings in England exhibition, took delivery of the first exhibits at the York Museum yesterday. The exhibition is being transported piece by piece from Denmark, where since last April it has been seen by nearly a quarter of a million people.

Two Royal Navy officers with HMS Endurance in the Antarctic were yesterday awarded their Open University degrees. by a long-distance radio link-up from England.

Licutenant-Commander And rew Lockett and Licutenant-Commander James Craig, both from Cornwall are serving with

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people.

Among the main features are a full-scale replica of the cross-section of a Viking cargo boat, models of a Viking church and house and original manuscripts of King Canute. The other seven hundred items include sculptures, coins and weapons, many of which are treasures from York's own excavations.

The exhibition, which opens on April 3 and runs until September 30, will cost an estimated £250,000.

for zoo designer By Our Environment Correspondent

Gold medal

Correspondent
The Royal Gold Medal for Architecture is to be awarded this year to Mr. Berthold Lubetkin (above), founder of the Tecton partnership and designer of several zoo developments in Britain. His most famous creation is probably the penquin pool at London Zoo.

Winners of the medal, which has been awarded each year since

Winners of the medal, which has been awarded each year since it was instituted by Queen Victoria in 1848, include Sir Edwin Lutyens, Frank Lloyd Wright and Le Corbusier.

The citation for this year's medal, published by the Royal institute of British Architects, says that Mr Lubetkin "pioneered modern architecture in Britain" and "designed a sequence of buildings the beauty and brilliance of which has never been surpassed in this country".

Mr Lubetkin was born in 1901 in Tiflis, which is now in the Soviet Republic of Georgia. After studying in Berlin he arrived in Britain in 1931 and founded Tecton a year later. He became architect for Peterlee new town, Co Durham in 1947, but resigned in 1951 after disagreements with the government.

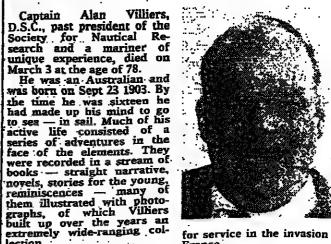
SAILING THROUGH

rew Lockett and Lieutenant-Commander James Craig, both from Cornwall are serving with the Navy's ice patrol ship, which

EXAMS

the Navy's ice patrol ship, which is on her last voyage before being paid off.

Commander Lockett, from Torpoint, has spent many of his sea hours studying for his BA degree, specialising in psychology, sociology and politics. Commander Craig from Gunnislake, whose research work in Antarctica he describes wryly as "penguin counting" has been awarded a science-based honours degree.



OBITUARY

CAPT. ALAN VILLIERS

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Villiers sailed because he After the war was over Villiers sailed because he wanted to. He wrote and lectured because he had a family to look after. But there was a still deeper need within him, which was to record, with all the detail possible, ways of life at sea which were fast vanishing. This passion to experience, Villiers became Master of the training ship Warspite. Later he sailed with the Portuguese cod-fishing fleet in the schooner Argus. In 1956 he schooner Argus. In 1930 he volunteered to command the Mayflower replica, built in England, which he successfully sailed to the United States in the following year.

Villiers as a writer was clear and professional: as a This passion to experience, to find out, and to record, was why he was so valued a member of the Society for Nautical Research. It had been founded by and for just such people as himself, and when, after serving on the council, he became the

clear and professional; as a lecturer he was sui generis. He had a remarkable, if eccentric, delivery, and never failed to grip his audience. No one who ever heard him will forget his gay description of the Mayflower episode, or the strip of film he sometimes showed which gave so lively an idea of a wind-jammer's motion in the region of Cape Horn that a that man and position fitted The first adventure Villiers enjoyed was whaling in the Antarctic with the Norwegian Ross Sea Expedition 1923-1924. Then he had a spell of region of Cape Horn that a viewer was apt to turn queasy as he looked.

Nor must his adventures in journalism in Hobart and later in London. By 1931 he Nor must his adventures in film be overlooked, particularly in Moby Dick, 1955, and Melville's other classic, Billy Budd. Of his many books, as varied in technique as in subject matter, his later reminiscences, Give Me a Ship to Sail (1958) contains some of his liveliest writing. Maritime bistorians also

later in London: By 1931 he was able to purchase a share in a four masted barque, the Parma. Three years later he acquired the Damish schoolship Georg Stage, which he renamed Joseph Conrad. Between 1934 and 1936 he sailed this ship some 58 thousand sea miles. Maritime bistorians also value particularly Falmouth for Orders (1928), the story of the last clipper ship race round Cape Horn. He published a life of Captain Cook in 1967. Just before the Second World War Villiers got to know at first hand the immemorial life of the Red Sea dhows engaged in the Persian Gulf and Zanzibar trade. When war came he joined the R.N.V.R. He had reached the rank of commander by 1944. He was on the service with Infantry. Among other bodies on which Villiers served were the trustees of the National active service with Infantry Landing Craft in Italy, Nor-

Maritime Museum; the Cutty Sark Preservation Society, and the Victory Technical mandy and the Far East, and and the Victory 1 he was awarded the D.S.C. Advisory Committee.

dent of Japan Academy of Arts (1948-79), director of the

National Museum of Tokyo, chairman of the Cultural

Assets Conservation Com-

PROFESSOR S TAKAHASHI important offices as presi-

Toshio Kusamitsu Professor Selichiro Taka-

society's chairman, it seemed

hashi died on February 9 in the Keio Hospital after three years of ill health. He was 97. Professor Takahashi gradu-ated from Keio Gijuku Uni-versity where he studied economics under Yukichi Fukuzawa, the founder of the rersity where economics under runiversity, and took up a teaching post in economics in of the best in the worm, the same university. He pioneered the study of economics and the history of European economic thought undertaking the study of andertaking the study of subjects, he broadened his and became the was an earnest and cincere teacher. The knowledge and his liberal mind. When Mr Shigeru and yoshida formed his Government in 1947, Takahashi was trusted with the creation of a new educational system in the post-war Japan, and was appointed Minister of Education in Yoshida's cabinet, though he was not a member of the Diet.

When he was in his office. most sincere teacher. The writer was fortunate to be able to attend his lecture and seminars when he was approaching 90 years of age, and the memory of his noble figure and of his clear and still amazingly young voice, when he lectured on the economic theory of philosophers in the Roman Empire.

When he was in his office.

mittee, director of the National Theatre, chairman of the Film Censorship Committee, and many others. His collection of ukiyoe

of the Diet.

When he was in his office, he made a strenuous effort to lay the foundations of future education by proposing several education acts.

After variong as Minister remained a backelog through After retiring as Minister remained a bachelor through-of Education, he held such out his life.

SIR MARTIN FLETT

Sic Kenneth Hutchison place for coal in gas making writes: I should like to add a

paragraph to the obituary of Sir Martin Flett; it relates to the period 1956-61, when he was Deputy Secretary at the Ministry of Power. He brought to that task a capacity for clear thinking and firm action when action was called for, and blew away the great mass of cobwebs which surrounded the problem of what coal should be used for, by setting up the Committee on Coal Deriva-tives (the Wilson Committee) on which I served. The report of the com-

mittee convinced most impartial readers that there was no

at least in the foreseeable future and confirmed the gas industry in its determination to transfer to oil. He then succeeded where others might well have failed, in winning over Lord Mills, the Paymaster-General and Overlord of Energy, to authorize the Gas Council's Liquid Methane Project, and before long the first triumphant voyage of the Methane Pioneer passed into history.

The gas industry of today owes much to Martin's personal interest in its affairs during his term of office at the Ministry of Power; added to which he was a very good friend to many, and a valued adviser.

Vice-Chancellor, London Univer-

University news

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Or G M Dickinson, senior Lecturer is business school, has been assigned from January in the will be the part of London.

sity.

DSc: Professor of Statistics, Imperial Collegee, London, and President of the Royal Statistical Society; Mr R Halstead, Chairman of Beecham Products; Dr A Win-Nielsen, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Association.

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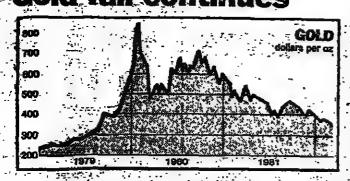
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The price of gold fell below \$350 an ounce yesterday for the first time since September 1979, closing \$8.25 down in London at \$344.25. This represents a loss of \$22.25 on the week, and compares with \$400 an ounce fetched at the beginning of the year. Heavy persistent selling yesterday came with gloom over world recession and high interest rates, compled with worries that more long-term holders of gold, notably in the Middle East, may

SE supports dealers' rules

The Stock Exchange yesterday expressed support for the new rules controlling the activities of licensed dealers in securities.

However, it is not prepared to concede that stockbrokers should be bound by similar rules. One of the main amendments to the rules for licensed dealers proposed by the Department of Trade was that clients' money must by law be kept separate from company funds. The Stock Exchange insists that a similar requirement for stockbrokers in unnecessary.

Call to build warships

The Government has been urged to initiate a coordinated programme to boost sales of British-built warships to foreign navies. Ministers have also been asked to consider allowing British Shipbuilders to build warship hulls on a specularive basis to preserve skills and maintain employment: No orders have been taken in the past eight years. The all party Industry and Trade' Select Committee, said yesterday that the Corporation felt the Government was not backing the Corporation's warship marketing effort sufficiently.

Weather hits beer output

Beer production in January dropped 21.5 per cent, because of the bad weather, according to the Brewers' Society. December's weather hit sales leaving higher stocks than usual in the retail pipeline, with a consequent decline in Language orders. Poor weather January orders. Poor weather in early January compounded the effect. The underlying trend is of a 6 per cent fail with current retail sales of beer down by at least that

Development of a new North Sea oil field, the Balmoral discovery 120 miles north east of Aberdeen, moved nearer yesterday with the announcement of a successful well by the British National Oil Corporation on block

Mining profits

General Mining Union Corpor-ation (General), the leading Afrikaaner mining and indus-trial group, raised 1981 oretax profits 17 per cent from R406m to R476m (E267m). The final dividend is 120 cents, bringing shareholders, re-ceipts to 175 cents, both up 20 cents. Turnover rose by 51 per cents. Turnover rose by 51 per cent to R3,201m; Net assets also rose markedly, from R1,481m to R1,857m.

● ICT is to spend £5m on extensions to its catalyst manfacturing plant at Clithe-

The Covernment has approved capital spending by the National Coal Board in the 1982-83 financial year of £886m, almost £80m more than

MARKET SUMMARY

Gilts are Budget gamble

LONDON EXCHANGE while, half year figures show labout force in 198: 7.9 per cent in 1981:

FT Index 556.7 up 1.5 FT Gitts 67.89 up 0.47 FT All share 321.73 up 0.24 Bargins 23,830

dominate market sentiment yes-terday as both gilts and equities advanced in active trade; Government securities were the main feature, scoring rises of up to £% in longs and £% in

shorts as the market gambled on a further 1/2 per cent cut in interest rates shead of next Tuesday's budget.
The bulls again gained the upper hand in equities, where the FT Index closed 1.5 up at 556.7, having been 2:4 higher at midday. Oils remained dull, still reflect-Oils remained dull, still reflecting Wall Street's poor reception to the decision by BNOC to cut the price of North Sea oil by up to \$4 a barrel. Shell Transport slipped 4p to 338p as a line of 200,000 shares came on offer, with Ultramar losing 15p to 370p as a seller at 175,000 failed to server at the circle store.

agree on the right price.
Fleet Holdings, the Trafalgar
House offshoot, its debut closing

at 23p, after 24 kp, which valued the company at about £14m, with about 10 million of the total 60, million share changing hands. Trafalgar House ended %p-lower

Video group Intervision has been suspended at 10p as the group prepares to make the change from rule 163 to the unlisted securities market. Mean-

COMMODITIES

 Sliver and platinum followed gold down. Silver spot buillon was fixed at 412,35p an ounce, a fall of 14.9p, and the lowest since 1979. Three months builtion was down by 15.55p to 426.1p an

• Platinum reached its lowest point since 1978, falling by \$10 to \$326.50 an ounce. No recovery is expected in either silver or platinum until gold

 Tin slipped again despite support by the international Tin Agreement buffer stock. Cash tin was £7,045 a tonne, £35 a tonne lower on the day, and three months metal lell £20 to £7,275. Tin for immediate delivery traded down to £6,990 in the morning. Purchases by consumers who have taken advantage of lower prices were less evident, and the broker identified with the buying group which dominated the market was a lender of forward. market was a lender of forward

TODAY

Housing starts and completions (January); house renovations (fourth quarter); hire purchase and other instalment cradit business (January); company liquidity survey (fourth quarter).

Board meetings: interims; Cour-tney Pope Holdings, R P Martin, RVO Estates, Westminster and Country Properties. Finals: Alliance Trust, Ault and Wiborg, Romal Tea, Williamson Tea.

Strike may cost railways Post Office contract

This new tough stance is being adopted by PO executives in negotiations that are venience suffered by the Post
now taking place with British Office during the 17 days of year to the rail network — of overnight mail trains — for the distribution of mail. the PO's travelling sorting Post Office negotiators, led offices — letters had to be by Mr Alan Clinton, the sent out from different

Amid growing concern in the West over continuing economic recession and mounting unemployment the European Commission has given a clear warning to Britain not to adopt a

restrictive Budget next week. And in Paris labour ministers

from the leading industrial nations began two days of talks on tackling unemploy-

ment in their countries.

In a review of the EEC economy the Commission said that there should be no

restrictive budget policy action in 1982 in any member

state whose finances were

relatively sound.
As Commission figures show that Britain ended 1981

with a current account bal-

ance of payments surplus equivalent to 2.2 per cent of gross domestic product and the second lowest net bor-

rowing requirement in the EEC of only 2.5 per cent of

gross domestic product, the Commission's advice would

appear to be directed specifi-cally at Sir Geoffrey Howe,

the Chancellor of the Exche-

The Commission takes a

It has revised downwards

guarded view of economic prospects in the Community.

its economic growth forecast for 1982 to 1.6 per cent of real community from the 2

per cent level predicted last autumn although it believes that by the end of 1982 growth could reach a 2.5 per

"EEC unemployment which rose by 180,000 people amonth last year is expected to rise to 9.1 per cent of the labour force in 1982 against."

Joint UK

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The Post Office is con board member for mails centres causing dislocation in sidering switching a larger network and development, service, proportion of letters and are claiming that although As a result, only 70 per parcels and are claiming that although as a result, only 70 per parcels. charged by BR.

Rail over the renewal of strike action was in sorting contracts - worth £49m last the mail. Because of the lack

Howe Budget

warning

from Europe

... By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

parcels to road and air they were deprived of the rail cent of first class mail was transport as a result of the disruption to the postal service caused by the recent series of train drivers' was about the same as that the figure of 90 per cent series of train drivers' was about the same as that of the consequence, the As a result, only 70 per cent of first class mail was Office. In consequence, the Post Office is claiming con-pensation from the railways

of about £2m.
The Post Office has distributed the mail by train for more than 100 years and recognizes that there is no practicable alternative for most letters and parcels. During the rail strikes, it

ACC group

to study

all offers

Economic growth in Bri-Lord Grade's former com-

tain will stay below the EEC pany. But the committee average this year with gdp excluded Australian financier rising by 1.1 per cent after last year's 1.4 per cent whose Bell Group has two decline. United Kingdom unemployment will continue to rise to 11.8 per cent from the 10.5 per cent level for mes a Court from stepping 1981.

1981. aside as chairman of ACC The commission considers should anyone consider that

that the present phase of his bidding for a company recovery in the European where he is chairman and economy is fragile and that chief executive could present

the cyclical trend could be a conflict of interest.

aborted by a deterioration in world monetary conditions.

It said that one of the prerequisites of an effective Mr Tony Lucas, were chosen European Economic policy is at an ACC board meeting.

that countries with strong balance of payments positions do not pursue so prudent financial policies" as to impede recovery in those countries with high deficits.

If the Paris discussions, involving the 24 member states of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Company of the Countries with the Countries with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and circumstants of the Organization and who should design to the first since a Countries with high deficits. In the afternoon, directors met Mr Gerald Ronson, whose Heron Corporation brought the High Court action and who should design to the first since a Countries with extent of the action and who should design the first since a Countries with extending the countries with strong the first since a Countries with extending the countries with strong the first since a Countries with extending the countries with high deficits.

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France is pursuing an expansionary course to bring down unemployment while the United States regards the defeat of inflation through a Angeles and the Classic

By Philip Robinson

The directors of Associated

yesterday set up a special

seven weeks after it was first requested, was said to be constructive.

his team are attempting to extract the most advantageous terms from BR which is aware that the loss

worth £1m a year in revenue. A PO spokesman said yesterday: "The Post Office

assured postal workers' that its revenue losses during unions that all mail diverted the six-week drivers' dispute to other means of transport were more than £60m and would return to the trains would return to the trains fears that up to £150m a year once the dispute was settled.

However, Mr Clinton and business could be lost periods. manently Discussions on the con-

owes it to its customers to get the best possible deal." British Rail has estimated

of just 2 per cent of the postal business could be

tract renewal are taking place against a background of Post Office confidence that it will turn in a profit of £80m this year and dismay that it will be unable to meet its £220m investment plans next year because of continuing government-imposed financing constraints.



industry's performance



Mr England: job vulnerable

CEGB chief defies Lawson criticism

By Johnathan Davis, Energy Correspondent

ricity Generating Board, made a thinly veiled attack yesterday on the Govern-ment's persistent criticism of the performance of nationaine performance of nationalized industries. Speaking to his research staff at Leatherhead he said: "There is a tendency, which I find regrettable, to use the public sector in general as a whipping boy for the nation's present economic difficulties."

"It is not surprising if there is a feeling among staff that however hard they work, however well they face chal-lenging times, they can, in the eyes of some ministers, never get it right, simply because they work in a public

defeat of inflation through a restrictive monetary policy.

According to latest comparable figures prepared by the OECD, for Europe and North America, Britain's unemployment rate now heads the list at 11.7 per cent, with the Netherlands at 11.2 per cent, Relgium 10.9 per cent, Italy 9.1 per cent, the Unites States 8.5 per cent, Canada 8.3 per cent and West Germany 3.2 per cent. Mr England's remarks are unlikely to endear him to the Government. They are made at a particularly sensitive time since no fewer than four of the five full-time board members of the CEGB, including Mr England him-

Mr Glyn England, chair- self, have contracts which man of the Central Electrum out during the next two months.

> Mr Nigel Lawson, the Secretary of State for Energy, has given no indication so far whether he intends to renew any of the appointments. He has been very critical of the performance of the industry and there is speculation that he intends to use the opportunity to make radical changes in the board's key personnel. Mr England's [44,000-a-year job is thought to be particularly vulnerable. The men whose appoint-

ments are at risk are Mr England, his deputy chairman Mr Fred Bonner, Mr Gil Blackman who is in charge of the CEGB's day-to-day operations, and Mr Dennis Lomer, the board member in charge of the CEGB's troubled power station construc-

tion programme.

Against this background
Mr England's speech yesterday was being seen as one of barely concealed defiance.

BL loses £500m despite car boost

By Clifford Webb Midlands Industria Correspondent

Sir Michael Edwardes, the chairman of BL, is expected to reveal shortly that despite a £100m improvement from the former Austin Moris volume car operation, the state-controlled group lost £500m. last, year, compared with £535m in 1980.

In his fourth and last annual report, Sir Michael, who has said he will leave in the autumn, is expected to make great play of the turnround in the performance of the light medium car side which is believed to have reduced its loss from £250m in 1980 to £150m last year. But this improvement has

been largely offset by the collapse of the truck and bus markets served by Levland Vehicles. Losses of £47m in the first half have continued and Leyland Vehicles will be lucky to hold them to £80m for the year as a whole.

There has been little change in Jaguar's 1980-loss of £20m. A big improvement in its vital American sales came in the last quarter of the year but it was too late to influence the year-end results. But it could lead to it breaking even this year and making a profit in 1983.

Unipart, the group's parts and accessories company, and Land Rover are left as the only profitable operations.

Plant closures and reduc dancies have been costly but with the cars' labour force reduced from the present 76,000 to 68,000 by the end of this year, BL should be on target for a 1982 loss on cars of between £70m and £80m.

Mr Geoffrey Armstrong, BL Cars employee relations director, has told union leaders that a labour force of 68,000 will be the "ideal fighting weight" with which to launch the new range of cars headed by LM 10 in spring 1983 and LM 11 in

1984.

□ BL is taking advantage of a government-subsidized scheme to recruit 14 graduate engineers for a three-year contract. BL will pay half of their £8,000 a year salaries and the remainder will be shared by the Science and Engineering Industry and Research Council (SERC) and the Department of

Banks could cut lending rates again

By John Whitmore overdraft finance. suggests the banks may see scope

The City remained optimistic that the banks will make a further cut in their base lending rates next week barring any nasty reflation-ary surprises in Tuesday's

Budget.
Period rates were again-slightly easier where chan-

ged, particularly on bills and several certificates of deposit. Indeed, the yield on three rates. month bills of just over 13 per cent, making bill finance appreciably cheaper than falling

more than the usual half point drop in base rates rates. This week has seen mixed movements in Eurodollar interest rates and several Wall Street houses have raised their broker loan

However, the market is

States money supply, to be released later today.

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman
of the Federal Reserve, told A certain amount may yet the Senate appropriations depend on dollar interest committee that the United States was turning the corner on inflation and that interest

6 The liquidity of companies deteriorated in the fourth However, the market is quarter of last year, accord-looking for a significant ing to the latest Department falling the weekly United of Industry survey.

rates had nowhere to go but

'Crisis' in **US** savings

The United States savings industry, alarmed by reports that as many as 1,000 thrift institutions could go under in the coming year, has asked the Reagan Administration to approve a massive, \$10,000m bail-out programme for marginal institutions.

Warning of "imminent crisis," two associations representing more than 80 per cent of America's thrift institutions proposed a threeyear aid programme to pump money into institutions and stimulate the housing mar-

nackage.

The Reagan administration

Still, the savings industry which had a combined oper ating loss of more than bank loans appears to be \$6,000m last year, has con-sdidrable political support and could force the Adminabout three years in France, Germany and the United istration into a compromise position.

Rentokil

"We can no longer wait for

interest rates to fall". Mr Roy G. Green, chairman of the United States League of Savings Associations said. The League has supported the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks aid

If approvd, the plan would rank as the largest Federal bail-out in modern times.

has said repeatedly that it does not favour Federal aid to corporations, preferring instead to let market forces prevail. This has been reiterated by

both White House and Treasury officials. "This Administration Strongly opposes any plan to bail out the ailing thrift industry", Mr Shannon Fairbanks, White House adviser on housing issues, said.

Democrats on the House Banking Committee, for example, have already unforward by Lord Lever former chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, and Mr George Edwards, an economist, in articles critical of British banking, and also seeks to veiled their own \$18,000m housing aid programme which includes support for

Preliminary

Announcement

: 1980 1981 £000 Group 97,982 82,100 Group profit before tax: 14,201 12,818 Historic 9,485 Current cost 10,929 Group profit after tax: . . 4,030 Current cost Earnings Historic 7.36p7.75p Current cost 3.92p4.24p Dividends Interim paid November 1981 (10.5% with tax credit of 4.5%) 15.000% 13.570% Final proposed. payable 5th May. 1982 (18,0% with 25.714% tax credit of 7.714%) 22.857% 40.714% 36.427%

These figures exclude exchange surpluses of £1,011,000 (1980; deficits £994,000) on translation into sterling of overseas net assets. Such differences have been taken direct to reserves. Share register struck for dividend 2nd April, report and accounts to shareholders 8th April. Annual general meeting 4th May at Felcourt, East Grinstead, West Sussex.

Rentokil Group PLC

OTHER EXCHANGES

Tokyo:Nikkel Dow average: 7,354.82 down 119.60. Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 1,140.58 down 56.11... -- --

of the ordinary shares...

Equity turnover on March 3 was £157.63m (20,293 bargains)

Michael Clark

CURRENCIES

The pound maintained its resilient performance despite lower oil prices and expectations of a fall in interest rates.

LONDON CLOSE STERLING . \$1.8280 up 50 points Index 91.0 up 0.2 DM 4.3250 Fr.F 11,0450 DOLLAR -Index 113.0 down 0.1 DM 2.3655 down 55 pts GOLD-\$344,25 down \$8.25

MONEY MARKETS

Period rates were slightly easier where changed. The Bank forecasting a shortage of £450m. bought £52m. of bills outright at unchanged rates and £392m. of bills for repurchase by the houses on March 17 and 31. Domestic Rates:

Kingdom.

3-month interbank 131116 **Euro-Currency Rates** 3-month dollar 14⁷16 - 14¹¹16 3-month DM 9¹³16 - 9¹¹16 3-month Fr. F. 15% - 15% .

Base rates 13%

sales of £2.8m. Plessey, remained the darling of the electrical market, rising 5p to 370p after lunch earlier in the week with brokers Williams de Brae. But it was a different story for Thorn £36, where a line of 200,000 ehares were on offerfollowing netws of a disappointing lunch with brokers Straus Tumbull. The price slipped another 10p to 433p. set up By Bill Johnstone Electronics Correspondent A new British company i Grand Metropolitan shares put on 3p to 198p after bullish comments from Sir Maxwell

to be formed to exploit the world market for satellites. The company, called United Satellite Ltd; is being set up jointly by British Telecom, Marconi and British Aeros-Joseph.
"I said in my statement some

"I said in my statement some years ago that we would reap the hull benefits of our earlier investments in the early 1980's". he told shareholders at the group's AGM.

"My hopes in this direction have been more than justified and I am now predicting further progress for the company infuture years."

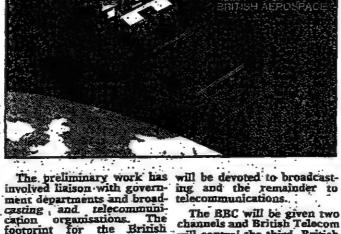
There were also sellers of 300,000 London Brick unchanged at 78p, 250,000 Countaulds up 3p at 84p, 75,000 Standard Chartered down 2p at 877p, 150,000 Gill & Duffus down 3p at 143p, and 100,000 Imperial Continental Gas down 5p at 183p.

Burnati's hirl for Contact has The announcement by the three parmers comes in the wake of the Government's approval for a £150m direct broadcast satellite system to be built by the British companies and to be oper-ational by 1985. The partners are expected

to have an equal stake in the company, although the methods of financing the group have yet to be deter-Sp at 183p.

Burmab's bid for Croda has mined. -N. M. Rothschild, the lapsed after Burmah refused to raise its original offer of 70p. Burmah's share with acceptances merchant bank, is investigat-ing the possibility of some form of leasing being used to fund the British direct broad-

casting satellite.
The companies have already investigated potential markets and the technical and operational means to meet broadcasting and telecommunications require-



ment departments and broadcasting and telecommunication organisations. The
footprint for the Brinsh
satellite would take in part of
Western Europe for broadcasting signals if a sufficiently large antenna were used
for recention.

for reception.

One third of the British The complete system will direct broadcasting satellite consist of three satellites.

Industrial loans practices misunderstood

Banks refute Lever arguments By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent

The big clearing banks undermine many of the have overlooked different have rounded on critics who premises on which the Gryll's definitions and the real claim that the cause of report on bank lending was differences between bank

Britain's economic problems based. banks because of their failure to meet industry's needs. Grylls report — that compa- of industrial loan finance are mes should be allowed to pay included, they argue that interest on long-term loans total lending to industry in Much recent criticism of bank lending practices is based on out-of-date, misun-

ges that the banks lend much industry, there are thought less to industry that in other to be differing views on the countries or that bank lend- Grylls proposals. Privately ing to industry is much some senior bankers at shorter term in the United National Westminster and Midland are receptive to the Kingdom.

Midland Box Llowds believes that The banks also reject . The paper attacks many of idea. But Lloyds believes that

... lending in different countries However the banks have are much smaller than sug-been careful not to arrack the gested. main recommendation of the . Furthermore if all sources

based on out-of-date, misunderstood or simply wrong evidence, according to a paper produced by economists at the Committee of London Clearing Banks (CLCB) and endorsed by the big banks. In the paper, Bank Lending and Industrial Investment, they refute charges that the banks lend much industry, there are thought included, they argue that total lending to industry in the United Kingdom for 1980 comes out at 35 per cent of gdp, compared with 37 per cent in in next weeks's Budget.

Although all the banks are bismissing claims that they concentrate too much on industry, there are thought concentrate too much on short-term lending, they say that the average maturity of

the arguments and inter-leasing is a better way of criticism that they lend too national comparisons put happing industry and Barmuch to the personal sector forward by Lord Lever for-clays is not thought keen:

and are too concerned about

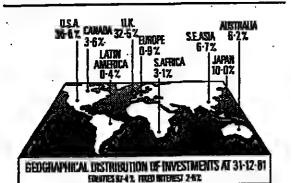
industry

From Bailey Morris Washington, March 4

Scottish United Investors

Summary of the year

1981 £133,164,898 £130,421.687 Total Assets 122,953,954 115,846,227 **Net Assets 73.9**p Net Asset Value 5,919,494 6,482,238 **Gross Revenue** 2,509,803 2,639,493 Net Revenue 1.53p Dividend



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M. J. H. Nightingale & Co. Limited 27/28 Lovat Lane London EC3R 8EB Telephone 01-621 1212 The Over-the-Counter Market

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The numbers of the Debentures to be redeemed are as follows

Corporate Bond Redemption

1 New York Plaza New York, New York 10081

The Chase Manhattan Bank, National Association

London EC2P 2HD, England

Dated: February 26, 1982

P.O. Box 2020

Noolgate House

INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ELECTRIC CORPORATION

On April 1, 1982 there will become due and payable on the Debentures to be redeemed the principal amount thereof together with accrued interest to April 1, 1982. On and after April 1, 1982 interest on the Debentures to be redeemed shall cease to accrue. Payment of Debentures to be redeemed will be made on or after April 1, 1982 upon presentation and surrender of said Debentures, with all coupons appertaining thereto maturing after April 1, 1982 at any one of the following banks:

The Chase Manhattan Bank,

Hollandsche Bank-Unie N.V.

Societe Generale de Banque S.A. Brussels, Belgium

Amsterdam, Neiherlands

National Association

Wondering about Woolworth . . . oil cheers

Talking shop with men from the City

Woolworths has invited City analysts to come in and talk about its profits next week (Sally White

writes).

This may not, on the surface, be a remarkable event. But given facts that the profits are expected to slump heavily, and that for months now the shares have been bought only because they stand at a third of the historic assets, or a quarter of the current-cost assets, it is thought that Woolworths might just have some good news to impart.

some good news to impart.

Estimates of the pretax figures, from Woolworths for the full year range from £23m to £30m. Most of the analysts are bunched around the £25m to £30m level.

At about the £28m the earnings per share are about 3.5 on a full tax basis. The yield is about 12 per cent. In spite of aggressive marketing, with cuts in prices to try to pull in customers, the long awaited recovery in Woolworths' retail sales was still failing to appear.

Mr Geoffrey Rodgers, the chairman, has been encouraging the development of a whole host of new ideas. DIV has received the most

ideas. DIY has received the most publicity. But the "Wonder of Woolworths" promotional line has not so far materialized in hard figures.

So the trading and profit performance to be revealed by Woolworths next week is awaited with interest. The group has not been over-generated. ous with information about itself over the past few months. There have been such worrying changes as the demoting of the credit rating of the parent group in the United

Limited recovery

MERCANTILE

International Standard Electric Corporation

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture dated as of April 1, 1970 between International Standard Electric Corporation and The Chase Manhattan Bank (National Association), as Trustee, \$1,463,000 in aggregate principal

amount of the above-captioned Debentures will be redeemed for the sinking fund on April 1, 1982 at the redemption price of 100%



Still looking for recovery in the High Street

of the analysts. "What we want to know is how much they have raised — if only to see how much is left. But most important is the retailing performance. If they have failed to meet expectations again, then we will be back to scrutinising the property portfolio."

Historic assets stand at 152p a share, and on a currentt-cost basis, 209p. Closing price today was 56p. Woolworths is undoubtedly a-superb property portfolio. The bulk of the shops are freehold properties, and they are scattered around the most important shopping centres of

the country.

Curiously brokers report more private client buyers of the stock as a property speculation than institutions — possibly because many institutions have long been stale bulls and do not want to extend bulls, and do not want to extend

There has been no sign of any buyer. The United States parent is, of course, the key to the company's

position — it owns 53 per cent of Woolworths in this country.

The share price has been very stable recently at the mid-50s. That compares with a 1981/82 high of 73p, and 1981/82 high of 73p. "Most of the news that we have been following is the trail of announcements of the shops that they have been selling off", said one comes more substantial.

£18m. Retained, profits were

radically down on last year, from £94.9m to £16.67m. Mr Douglas Horner, chair-

Allied to a weak pound

Allied Colloids, the Bradford-based specialist chemicals producer is one company which will welcome the drop in North Sea oil prices and any consequent weakening of sterling (Drew Johnston writes). For not only does it export four-fifths of its output, but its raw materials are also derived from oil-based products.

These factors are partly responsible for taking the shares to 186p, which is a high for the year.

Allied is vulnerable to a strong sterling/dollar exchange rate, but has been making the most of the present incrementages. For the six months to been making the most of the present circumstances. For the six months to October 1981, pretax profits were £4m. In the previous full year the profit was only £4.04m. (Some analysts are now forecasting profit of £9m for the year to March, on a fully-

ramed rating of 17.8.
For the following year, analysts at
De Zoete & Bevan, the stockbrokers
are looking for a further profits improvement to about £11.5m.

Allied supplies its high technology chemical products to the mixing, textiles and oil industries. Earl this year it announced it had bough 70 acres of land in Suffolk, Virginia, United States of America, to build a manufacturing plant. The City approved of the location because Allied already conducts a lot of its business in the United States and knows the market well.

Likely from the company's cost-cuting operation over the last few. years and the expectation of higher dividends also helped the share price to rise.

The dividend could rise by between 15 and 20 per cent to an estimated 4.6p gross, giving a gross dividend yield of 2,6 per cent

There is some speculation that the shares have strengthened on the possibility of a takeover bid.

In 1979 the shares were suspended after an approach from an American company, believed to have been

The latest speculation points to a possible bid from Burmah, the oil company.

DEREK CROUCH

Worst year

Derek Crouch, the open-

cast mining and construction group, is meeting increased

being pursued. They are connected with local auth-ority housing contracts, an

Midlands and the over-run of

a large contract in the North-

west. Costs have yet to be

reimbursed. He said the company was

now diversifying into private construction to reduce its

dependence on the public

sector.
The news came with re-

paid a world record price for a bale of wool at an Austra-

A Japanese textile company

lian wool sale yesterday.
The price of 12,500 cents (17.40) a kilo for the super-

fine merino fleece wool was way above the precious record of 4,600 cents set by the same conpany, Fujii Keori of Osaka, in 1973.

The need to hold down wage increases will slow Australia's economic growth, says the Commonwealth Banking Corporation Aus-tralia's inflation rate is

INTERNATIONAL

The Japenese Government and the car industry have not

and the car industry have not decided on the ceiling for car exports to the United States in the 1982 fiscal year starting next month, according to International Trade Ministry officials in Tokyo.

A spokesman for the Japan
Automobile Manufacturers
association said the private
industrial organization did
not know when a self-re-

straint limit, yer to be calculated would be announced

nounced.

Hitachi of Japan said yesterday it had developed a copper-carbon material for semiconductors that would

replace expensive materials

such as tugsten ad molyde-num used in the silicon chip

O Four Japanese groups have been jointly awarded a \$400m (216.8m) order by Indonesia' state oil compny,

Pertamina, for a petrochemical plant nd equipment.

Swindlers who made huge profits by selling fake Ameri-can shares have been ar-

can shares have been arrested in Peking. The Workers Daily said the gang hit on
the idea of selling the shares
after reading that frozen
United States assets in China
would be released under an
agreement reached in 1979.
Customers were told they
would receive up to \$550,000

in dividends if they bought

enough shares.

australia

CHINA

computer memory device.

increasing, and measures to hold down wages will restrict growth for the rest of 1982 and "some time beyond." the Commonwealth forecast.

UNITED STATES

The United States should increase strategic stocks of grain and petrol to help stabilize prices and hold down inflation, according to the Brookings Institution, an independent research organi-

Orders booked by United States industry declined 1.2 per cent in January, following the December drop of 0.3 per cent. Stocks held by industry in January fell 0.4

Electricity prices go up 10 per cent and gas prices up seven per cent in France today. Domestic heating oil and diesel oil go up marginally, but petrol is reduced by five centimes.

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WEST GERMANY

Otto Lambsdorff, Economics Minister, is confident that West Germany's gross national product will grow a real or price adjusted 1 per cent to 1.5 per cent this year. The real GNP declined 0.3 The real GNP declined U.5 per cent in 1981. The minister said that the seasonally unadjusted jobless rate would average around 7 per cent and that the consumer that the consu price rise would be limited to 5 per cent on average.

Components take a back seat

British Leyland's profits continue to present a tale of woe — a large reason why investment interest has turned its back on the motor component sector (Sally White writes). The best news from the industry so far this year was the forecast that the volume of cars would go from 394,000 in 1981 to 450,000 this year.

Motor component suppliers have seen some Stock Market buying recently — particularly Associated Engineering.

Expectations of Associated Engineering.

eering's pre-tax profits for the year to September are about £10m to £14m. But for the year after that Henderson Crosthwaite are going for £17m-£18m. That is as much from cost cutting as increased demand. On that basis the earnings are selling on multiples of around just under 12 and just over 6.

Birmid Qualcast recently reported good pre-tax profits — up from £225,000 to £1,635,000 — but the company said the improvement in the automotic supply side came from measures taken, not an upturn

MITCHELL COTTS man, said the worst of the Mining operations

Mercantile Credit, the Barclay's Bank finance house, boosted pretax profit 37 per cent to £52m from for the year to Decemslow down ber 1981.

Tax relief for the yeat was up from £76m to £111m, to give a post tax profit of £163m against £114m last time. Minorities were £1.12m against £1.16m, and dividends absorbed £146m against trial finance side.

"Although the volume of our row consumer business uncreased over 1980, in general it was a disappointing year for this division of our business," he said. The increase in profits was mainly attributable to the industrial finance side. Mitchell Cotts, which earns almost three quarters of its profits in South Africa war-ned shareholders yesterday

that its mining companies, were beginning to feel the effect of an increasing slowdown in work. It says predicting profits for the year to June has become difficult as a result, although some companies have so far performed reasonably well.

The statement came as Gold dropped through the \$350 (£193) an ounce barrier which is thought likely to produce a slowdown in mining operations in South Africa and have the knock-on the chairman's cautious opti-

ment operations. Yesterday Cotts reported a 20 per cent increase in pretax profits for the six months to the end of last December at £4.3m on a turnover up 19

per cent to £190.5m.

Much of the increase came from the British transpor-tation side, helped by the South African Bruda International transport firm bought earlier last year. However, attributable pro-

fits rose from £580,000 to £3.3m as a result of profits on sale-and-lease back property deals in South Africa, and analysts are looking for full-year pretax profits of £10.5m against £9m last time.

That should include a 10 per cent deposit from the £160m Nigerian College con-tract for which financing arrangements have just been finalised, but which Cotts significant profits before next year. says is not expected to bring

next year.

The group's interest charge continues to rise, up 14 per cent to £3.1m for the half year. Mr Peter MacKenna, the finance director, declined to talk about the company's

borrowings.

Cotts is paying a gross
2.142p half-time dividend against 0.937p to reduce the disparity between the two half yearly payouts.

RANSOMES

Sounder base

Ransomes Sims & Jefferies, the East Anglian agricultural machinery manufacturer, returned to profits in the second half of its financial year, but at £1.03m pre-tax this is less than half the £2.31m of the previous year.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Beak	131/2%
Barclays	131/2%
BCCI	131/2%
Consolidated Crds.	131/2%
C. Hoare & Co	*13%%
Lloyds Bank	131/2%
Midland Bank	131/2%
Nat Westminster	131/4%
TSB	131/2%
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Williams & Glyn's 131/2%

Sales for the year to January 2 slipped from E48.96m to E42.19m. Total distributions for the year are being held at 15.9p with an 11.43p final dividend.

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At the half-way stage the group had lost £102,000 against £151,000, but Rentokil believes these will be reduced in the present year. Profits here are still a few years away but for the group as a whole 1982 is group as

Mr Geoffrey Bone, chair-

man, said that while there had been some improvement in the second half, there were few positive indications of a significant upward trend. In some areas, such as local authority spending on grass machinery, conditions could become even more

resistance from architects restrictive. and clients who avoid settling restrictive.

Farm machinerry demand is expected to be better than last year, while stock levels will be reduced. outstanding contracts. Mr Derek Crouch, chairman, said yesterday that claims worth about £2.5m are

Earnings per share fell from 49.69 to 16.7p, but with the maintained dividend and mism for the current year the chares put on 3p to 181p.

RENTOKIL

Record profits

Killing pests, preserving wood and industrial hygiene gave Rentokil a record leyel of pretax profits, up 11 per cent to £14.2m, in the year to December. ne news came with re-sults for the year ended in December, which the compa-ny described as its worst trading year. Low demand,

But the group says it could have carried out more work in preserving timber but had difficulty finding one of the main products used — a by-product from conner mining.

The United Kingdom business produced healthy growth, with profits up 10.5 per cent to £10.5m. Overall the overseas profits rose by

high interest rates and bad weather in December were blamed for poor results. Pretax profits fell to £2.4m compared with £3m last time

General Mining



Union Corporation Limited (Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

AUDITED CONSOLIDATED RESULTS 1981

Earnings per share increased by 17% Dividends per share increased by 17%

		1981	1980
Group Income before Taxation	(R million)	476.1	406.4
Group Income after Taxation	(R million)	408.7	334.7
Attributable earnings	(R million)	319.8	269.7
per share	(cents)	401.0	343.0
no. of shares	(million)	79.8	78.6
Dividends	(R million)	139.6.	117.8
per share	(cents)	175	150
Net Asset Value	(R million)	.2,503.4	2.421.1
per share	(cents)	3,138	3,035
no. of shares	(million)	79.8	79'8

On 11 April 1981, the 1,170,000 'A' ordinary shares, which were issued in 1980, were converted into ordinary shares and have been taken into account in calculating earnings per share for 1981.

The full results for 1981 will be dealt with in the annual report which will be issued on 31 March 1982. It is, however, expected that in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, the level of earnings for 1981 will possibly again be achieved in the current year. 4 March 1982

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Lloyd has new man of steel

Forward, discreet accountant. Mr Lewis Robertson. He is the new chairman of F. H. Lloyd, the steelmaker. Outwardly Lloyd has got on rather well without a Supression of the steel without a supression of the stee mo since the turbulence of last August when Mr Ronald Middleton the chairman designate, was, in the event, not asked to take office and Mr-Robert Poster the former incumbent, decided to stay

on after planning to resign. Key to this strange sequence was Cooper Indus-tries which seemed to suc-ceed with a boardroom coup on the back of a 29 per cent shareholding — which it still has. The investment protec-tion committee of the British Insurance Association started however, to throw its weight about noiselessly but effectively to spoil Gooper's game and with the help of headhunters has now dis-covered Robertson, 59, who

tells me: 'there is nothing organically wrong with Lloyd; it needs several months of calming down.



Mr Lewis Robertson

Alhaji M T Bature, managing director of Nigeria Airways is also a civil servant and a barrister: Surprisingly, per-haps he wants to see Nigeria Airpays back in private Aumays back in private hands. "We are in a very bad shape and slowing down all our projects," he said. "I would like to go private but I think I would still like to see the Nigerian Government have a say in the airline." It could be a private company within three years, he thinks, and once the loans are converted into equity, the airline could have capital of £200m instead of the current overdraft of £10m.



the new Government

J. R. hampered, not harassed.

An eventful first visit to London this week for Dr Jacques Rouquie. He is the president of the tourist committee of Lot, the bit of France west of Bordeaux and north of Toulouse where the fole gras comes from He led a crowd of Lot hoteliers and restaurateurs who were to be hosts at a lunch to launch the publication in this coun-

try of the Logis de France hotel guide.

With the delegation was supposed to arrive a hamper of Lot specialities, fole gras, truffles and fillet of smoked goose — but alas, British Airways said, the hamper was still in Paris — or some

where.
Luckly BA managed to find and fly over the hamper just in time for lunch whereupon one of the guests said: "Er, I'm a vegetarian."
Dr Rouquie shrugged and said in French: "All's well that ends well," and got on with the first course, a walnut salad.

It will be fizzy drinks from vending machines round every corner soon if The Can Makers have their way. It is a trade organization just for-med by the big can makers partly as a defence in the battle with glass and plastic bottles, as chairman John Preston admits - Preston, sales and marketing director of American Can (UK), yesterday launched a £100,000 scheme to persuade on a 50-50 cost hasis the fillers of cores to cost basis the fillers of cans to flood Britain with fixy drink vending machines. We have only about 1,000 at present.

Peter Wainwright

NEW **** APPOINTMENTS

the Leslie Carpenter, chief executive of the publishing printing product area, has been appointed to the post of chief executive ed International from ober 1, 1982. Sir Alex errett will continue as theirman of Reed Inter-national until 1985.

Amersham affair — how much are the City experts really worth?

Mr Michael Richardson of N. managing director of one of M. Rothschild & Son is said Britains largest multi-Mr Michael Richardson of N.

M. Rothschild & Son is said Britains largest multito be close to the Prime nationals says.

Minister, It is ironic, therefore, that he should be at the centre of the storm over the Government's sale to the newest technology, which do private sector last week of not earn £310,000 a year".

Amersham International The bankers fee for Amershich makes radio-active sham.

which makes radio-active sham isotopes. Mr Richardson, "The head of corporate finance at head of corporate finance at anyone else, should not pay.
Rothschild, is blamed on all for had advice."
sides for pricing Amersham. "The City should adopt the sides for pricing Amersham. The City should adopt the too low and thereby deprivame values as the private ing the Exchequer of £25m, manufacturing sector. That or, in bricks and mortar is to provide value for

of yet more City profiteering at the expense of the taxar the expense of the know payer. Those in the know make money; those outside the charmed circle lose out. Following on the heels of the privatization of British Aerospace last spring and Cable and Wireless in the Aerospace last spring and pay a higher price. Cable and Wireless in the Two years ago, GEC inautumn, the charge is that itially refused to pay Schrod the Government has not only er Wagg a fee, estimated at pursued its ideological aim of £500,000, for its unsuccessful transferring public assets to the private sector. but in 50

Industrialists, suffering the worst recession in 50 years and forced to close many factories, are scathing in private at what they regard as the City's easy money-

making machine.

Amersham, offered for sale at 1420; rose to 192p within two days, giving the stags a varying degree of good.

It is not just the large premiums achieved on Amer-sham, and the two earlier privatisation issues which angered the men at the sharp end. The age old suspicion of these who make meney from those who make money from money instead of things, rose up ence more when it was learned that the total cost of the £71m Amersham issue was £2.6m Broken down, for Rothschild, acting as merchant bank adviser to the Department of Energy, and Morgan Grenfell, acting for the company, picked up £310,000 between them. This experiences and understockbrokers and under-writers made £844,000, National Westminster, which was basically a clearing house for the application forms, collected £500,000, while the Government's stamp duty took £750,000.

different worlds", the deputy

Gaovenment, or

terms, a couple of hospitals.

The Amersham affair has the fees of tation of Rothschild, but of the City generally. Predict-brokers should be published ably. Labour MPs have and should in the case of described the affair in terms takeovers, be taken off the of yet more City profiteering final price paid by the

final price paid by the bidding company. "Takeovers are gladitorial contests between merchant banks, and companies should be wary of their motives in encouraging the bidder to

transferring public assets to defence of Averys, the weigh-the private sector, but in so ing machine people. That bid doing, has made a great deal battle lasted a year, west to of money for its friends in the Monopolies Commission or money for its friends in the Monopolies Commission and at the end of the day, But it is not only left-wing GEC had to pay more than it politicians and the taxpayer had planned to buy Averys, who have watched in anger or bewilderment as the from the bank which forced speculators rush to make a it into that position. GEC had to pay more than it had planned to buy Averys and was then faced with a bill.

Negotiations to reduce the fee dragged on for some time and set an example to other companies that they need not pay up then moan; rather, they can negotiate in the knowledge that there is no legal liability to pay the bill.

Like GEC most large companies do not pay an annual retainer to a financial

adviser. Much of the routine advice from a merchant bank or stockbroker, ranging from the presentation of annual accounts, through how to avoid an unwelcome bid, to dividend policy, is in effect free. This free advice must be taken into account when the fees for a rights issue or akeover are presented.

So say the merchant bankers. But many industrialists argue that there is no excuse for the scale fees charged as a matter of "custom and

and stockbrokers charge a Cable & Win	relėss offi	er.
Company British Aerospace Cable & Wirless Amersham International Includes underwriting fees plus fees payable stockbroker, legal expenses and cost of prospec	Value of offer £150m £224m £71m to merchants.	Total cost £3.5m £3.9m £2.6m

The rush is on as Amersham goes up for sale For its fees, Kleinwort masterminded all the finan-What angers those outside the City is the feeling that merchant bankers and brokmastermined at the man-cial preparations. It brought together lawyers, account-ants, and clearing banks and organized an independent

held and events around the

world closely watched, much of the work involved in

producing the prospectus is mechanical and could be handled by a word-processor.

But where the banks and brokers say that they really

earn their fees is in bearing

performances, BAe, C & W

the risks involved.

more or less standard fee for both offers for sale and rights issues. The under-writer, usually the merchant bank handling the issue, will pay the sub-underwriters, (those who guarantee to pick (those who guarantee to pick up any shares not taken up by the investing public) a fee totalling 1% per cent of the issue. The merchant bank itself would normally receive % per cent while the stock-brokers fee would be % per company's prospects. The Cable & Wireless offer was

Expressed in fractions, these seem relatively small sums. But they are substan-tial when BP is raising £624m or the Government is seeking 1224m from the public for the sale of a majority stake in Cable & Wireless and £150m from the British

Aerospace offer. Mr Tim Barker of Kleinwort Benson, who bandled the BA and Cable & Wireless issues, defends the fees charged.

Kleinwort charged the Government an amount in both cases which was rather less than would be payable in a conventional issue. Mr Barker points out that this fee of h per cent was split between four banks in the Basically, merchant banks case of BA and three in the

Ethernet's operating proto-

Occasionally a collision will occur because two stations begin transmitting at

and Amersham proved to have been under-priced and were seen to be so by Amersham by which inves-tors bid their own prices for

ers seem to make little success and failure. Even had auditors report. While keeping Government Amersham been a straight tender offer without underand company happy for more than a year by allaying a multitude of fears, Klein-wort, in the case of BA, had to judge the effects of the Defence Review upon the writing, the financial advisers would still have picked up their ½ per cent or ½ per

tent.
The first question involves
the method of sale.
Amersham has proved there
is a conflict between the
Government's desire to encable & Wireless offer was complicated by waiting for guarantees that licences would be granted by the authorities in Bahrein and Hong Kong, both profitable areas for the company.

Although midnight oil is burned, countless meetings held and events around the sure that privatisation is seen to be a success, and the ability of the private sector to carry out the operation equitably and without the unedifying spectacle of gamblers lining their pockets at the taxpayers expense. The means by which the Government offers its own stock, might provide some guide

Second, the City shold examine the question of how it is rewarded for risk. Scale fees are not broken down in fees are not broken down in offer documents and it is difficult, particularly in take-overs, for a company to know how much it will pay its advisers at the end of the day. Finally, how much should the Government or company may for what is This is the crux. Judging by their initial stock market were seen to be so by investors. So there was no solid case for guaranteeing the success of the issue when there was only a minimal risk involved. This was the view taken by Mr Nicholas Ridley. Such questons might best be answered by an in-depth investigation by the coucil Financial Secretary at the Treasury, who would the Government or company pay for what is mainly routine work inpreparing the prospectus. Such questons might best be answered by an in-depth investigation by the coucil for security industries. This might save the taxpayer money and the Citya' image.

Kevin Page

Business Editor

The banks reply to their critics

When attacked, produce weighty document with which to hit your critics over the head — in whatever sense you choose. That, anyway, is what the clearing banks have done in reply to what they consider to be ill-founded criticisms of the considers of of their role as providers of funds to United Kingdom industry.

One might, perhaps, add that the banks have taken their time in responding

fully to an argument that has been rumbling on for several years now, not to mention the fact that they have not helped themselves in the past by providing so little maturity analysis of

their loan books.

But some at least of the argument is of the bolting the stable door after the horse has bolted variety. There is no doubt that the banks have changed their atticulate and practices quite attitudes and practices quite considerably over recent years, partly in response to criticism, partly in response to the increased competitive pressures within the banking system itself.

What is of key importance at the moment is that industry gets all the help it needs as it picks itself off the floor, and that the banks (as well as the Chancellor) are seen to be playing their part.

That may or may not mean the introduction of the Grylls' scheme (or some variation) for net interest payments by industry, a scheme about which some banks are more enthusiastic than others. It will almost certainly mean that the banks will have to watch the balance of their personal and industrial lending as

the economy recovers.

It may also mean that the monetary authorities will have to take a fresh look at the ever expanding role of the banks as the major financial intermediaries; first, from the viewpoint of seeking ways to neutralize the monetary impact; and secondly from the pruden-tial desirability of seeing the ratio of public sector assets in bank balance sheets steadily evaporating.

Markets **Opposing views**

We now appear to have some diametrically opposed views of the world in London and Wall Street. Over here, the slump in oil prices is seen as a sign of hope, promising lower in-

flation and a stimulus to

recovery. In the States, the fall in the oil prices seems to be taken as just another sign of deepening world recession — with de-pression increasingly replacing recession in news-paper headlines.
As far as the stock

As far as the stock market goes, the position is not being helped by stock sales to raise cash for margin calls on plummeting oil stocks. Meanwhile, few people are prepared to predict a floor for the gold price until something happens to mark the end of pens to mark the end of high real inferest rates in

Zero-coupons Japan acts

Spoilsports at the Japanese Finance Ministry have been threatening to ruin the fun for the Eurobond market's latest fad, zero-coupon bonds, ever since this sector took off in mid-January, Japanese investors have had a voracious appetite for these issues.

Against some expec-tations that the tax laws would be changed to reduce would be changed to reduce the attractions in such issues, a typical Japanese ploy has been used with local brokers now being "instructed" not to sell them to local residents. With more than \$7,000m zero-coupon issues in the last couple of months, the Japanese authorities and disturbed at the effect on their own capital market their own capital market and more expecially on what such inflows would do

what such inflows would do
to the yen.

Rumours of such an
informal ban sent the
market into a spin on
Wednesday as Japanese
broking houses with big
inventories swamped the
market. Dealers, however,
were amazed at how well
the market recovered yesterday as brivers came out terday as buyers came out of the woodwork in Europe. There is a technical explanation for this in that

explanation for this in that most zero-coupon issues were looking overvalued in any case and have now become that more attractive after this week's sharp falls. But the real reason is simply that investors still like the look of the capital reason at a time of reducgearing at a time of reduc-ing interest rates, while with little of the mainten-ance costs involved in coupon clipping and so on in straight issues, zerocoupons are a lazy way of handling a Eurobond portolio. Nothing really changes in the Eurobond business.

The multi-million pound connection

Computing and business companies are over what is the best way of baking the components of the automated office of the future — computers, word processors, executive work-stations and electronic files. Hanging on the answer are billions of pounds worth of

sales over the next decade.

Local area network (LAN)
is the general term for the technique of connecting elec-tronic equipment so that users can exchange infor-mation and share computing resources within an office. Researchers have come up with many different LAN configurations and ways of sorting out the potentially chaotic flow of data, and chaotic flow of data, and corporate marketing forces are lecturing bewildered customers about the relative merits of "bus" or "ring" or "star" networks, "broadband" versus, "baseband" capacity, "token passing" against "collision detecting" systems — to mention inst a systems - to mention just a little of the jargon involved. The most controversial and

most heavily-promoted LAN is Ethernet, originally invented by Xerox but now a joint venture with two other American corporations, Digi-tal Equipment and Intel. Ethernet makes its British make components and products compared debut later this month when Rank Xerox installs a small network at the Sun Life Assurance office in Bristol; it will start off with nine word prooff with nine word processors attached to a central computer. The second British Ethernet will be a £250,000

which should be installed by May In the United States, Ethernet : experience dates back to the experimental network which Xerox began in 1975. Commercial sales did not begin until last year. Already 35 American companies operate Ethernet systems in their offices, and Xerox hopes to add several hundred more over the next

few years. But the early leader of the LAN pack is Arc, the network developed by Datapoint. This fast-growing Texan firm claims to have installed more than 2,000 Arcs since 1977, including 100 in Britain. This country's largest Arc system is in the London office of the Chase Manhattan Bank, with 40

workstations. For most customers, the important difference between technology but in marketing and exchange information as a single system.

TECHNOLOGY: OFFICE OF THE FUTURE

By Clive Cookson

strategy. Xerox wants Ether-net to become the industry's terminals. Each terminal has standard for linking elec-a special microprocessor to tronic equipment in an of-fice. It has published all the network's specifications and any company can make Ethernet components without paying royalties (the only licensing fee is a nominal \$1,000 which Xerox says covers the costs of distributions the energial sations.)

ing the specifications).

Datapoint, in contrast, has kept Arc firmly in its own grasp as a closed, proprietary network. Arc's technical details are unpublished, and so far it has been licensed only to Tandy, the big so let it has been licensed only to Tandy, the big American microcomputer manufacturer. A company oping for Arc commiss itself to Datapoint office products, while an Ethernet customer. while an Ethernet customer can buy equipment from a variety of competing sup-

pliers.

According to Mr William
Lynch, technical planning sense multiple access with manager in Xeror's office products division, 22 manufacturers have publicly declared their intention to transmit whenever they like; firms are selling Ethernet-compatible workstations or

Ethernet will be a £250,000

network with 30 terminals at the Greater London Council, which should be installed by

terminals.

Technically, Ethernet and the same moment, both believing the network to be works, which use open-ended clear, in that case each

station detects the collision waits for a random interval and tries to send the message

In practice, since Ethernet can carry up to 10 million bits of data per second (equivalent to the contents of two full-length books), any message will arrive virtually instantaniously. When Digital Equipment studied Ethermation between it and the net's capacity, it found that up to 2,000 active users could be attached to a single network before waiting times network.

But the two use different approaches to avoid the chaos and collisions that became significant (more than 1,000th of a second). Although Ethernet's opcould arise if all machines on the network were free to talk

the network were free to take
the one another at any time.
Arc is a "token passing"
system: an empty electonic
packet, the so called token,
continually passes up and
down the cable. When one of
the terminals wants to send a ponents have raised many technical arguments against the network — which are dismissed by Xerox as "myths" — the objection taken most seriously in the business equipment industry is that Ethernet is a baseband network. This means that it message, it puts the digital information into the packet (unless it is full) and when network. This means that it network. This means that it has just one channel; only one stream of signals can travel along the cable,

A baseband network does not have enough capacity on its single channel to carry voice and video communications as well as heavy volumes of computer data and electronic messages. A

the packet reaches the ma-chine to which it is ad-dressed, the data is removed and the token sent on its way and electronic messages. A broadband network with a collision detection. What that means is that everyone on the network is allowed to transmit whenever they like; if the cable is already cable carrying several chan-nels — like the Wangnet being developed by Wang is needed to intergrate office telephone and videoconfe-rencing with data communi-

Xerox and other Ethernet proponents claim that the objection is irrelevant, at least for the next decade, because it will be simpler and more cost-effective to install separate telephone and video systems rather than try to combine everything in a single network.

A broadband network is

considerably more expensive than baseband. Connection costs are trebled because the complex electronics needed to sort out communications on the various channels: Arc has also started life as

a baseband network. But Mr Victor Poor, Datapoint executive vice-president for research and development, says it can easily be upgraded to broadband, unlike Ether-

Everyone who is promoting local area networks says their system is compatible with broadband, except Ethernet," says Mr Poor. "I think that's the Achilles heel of the system. It is my conviction that the broadband system is the only serious candidate for stan-The Xerox Ethernet cable connects a wide variety of "intelligent" office machines, allowing them to work together dardization in the

Financial statement, 1981

SKF Group income for the year ending 31 Dec 1981 was 805 million Swedish kronor (MSkr) before exchange differences. Net sales for the Group rose 8.5 per cent.

	Jan-Dec 1981	Jan-Dec 1980
Sales (MSkr)	13,570	12,512
Operating income before depreciation (MSkr)	1,719	1,847
Income before exchange differences (MSkr)	805	953
Capital expenditure (MSkr)	622	492
Average number of employees	50,452	53,026

The rolling bearing sector continued to improve, with a profit of 851 million kronor (829 MSkr in 1980). On the other hand the steel division, facing price concessions due to an over-saturated market, showed a loss of 119 million kronor as opposed to its 1980 profit of 20 million.

Prospects of developing SKF 1982 activities favourably are considered good, the degree of change also depending on when exactly the economic upturn occurs.

Dividends and capitalisation

The Board and Managing Director recommend an unchanged dividend of 7 kronor for A and B shares, and 12 kronor per C share, as well as a 75th Anniversary bonus of one krona for each A and B share. In all, 187 million kronor.

The Board will also recommend shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to raise the Company's share capital to 1350 million kronor by increasing the book value of SKF's shareholding in Krangede AB by 270 million kronor, and issuing capitalisation shares whereby shareholders will receive one new share for every four of the same kind held.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday 28 May.

Aktiebolaget SKF, S-415 50 Göteborg, Sweden.

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Stock Exchange Prices

Gilts surge ahead

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Mr Stewart stresses that it is bank managers who run football clubs nowadays and that "they are the first people we must

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survival

Hull manager sacked by official receiver

By Norman Fox

A survival plan for Scottish football has been worked our after threats that some clubs would form a breakaway group. It will be discussed by the Scottish feague management committee in three weeks time. It entails increasing the pressier division from 10 to 16 teams with two non-League sides being invited to join the League.

The move comes after rumbings of dissatisfaction among leading clubs suffering a shump to attendance and rumours of a

be invited to become part of the Scottish League.
Relegation would be abandoned in the premier division this season with the top six from the existing first division joining the 10 sides now forming the elite. A spokesman said that all 38 clubs had received letters intimating the meeting which he described as "essential to its safeguarding the existence of the game."

The proposals are designed to The proposals are designed to take effect from next season. A two-thirds majority is required to bring them to fruition. The title "Premier Division" would be scrapped and the new leagues numbered One, Two and Three. Celtic's home attendance was 9,000 for their premier games against. Morion on Wednesday night — their lowest for many years. Appropriately, one of the staunchest advocates of a sweeping change is Morton's managing director, Hal Stewart. Three weeks ago he issued a document

Mike Smah, the Hull City and in evidence against me. I am former Wales animager, is to take tonsulting my solicitors. It is unlikely that Mr Smith yesterday by the official receiver who had been called in to deal uncompleted years of his contract. Mr Smith was told by the receiver, Mr Martin Spencer, that was for the same period and because of the chib's insolventy his contract was terminated. Chris Chikon, the reserve team expire in July, 1983.

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Gordon Taylor, secretary of the Professional Footballers' been asked to take tharge but Mr Association, said the move could drastic cult in his salary.

Cyril Lez, who was the manager's assistant both at Hull and with Wales, and Gordon Taylor secretary of the Professional Footballers' between the previous between the players, all of whom are on the ransfer list, and the club. He also felt it could help relations between the PFA and the League. The PFA feel that too much blame for football's financial crisis is being placed on players. Mr Smith, a quier, respected manager, was a player with could no longer afford them. He also asked Curistopher Needler. Contithian Casuals. He was impointed manager of Wales in manager, was a player with could no longer afford them. He also felt it could help relations between the PFA and the League. Mr Smith, a quier, respected manager is being placed on players. Mr Smith, a quier, respected manager of wales in manager, was a player with light the chairman; fo stop providing in some five years in charge of coaching and development. He was impointed manager for football with the failed to save them from will say my piece when it is stimble. I haven't got anything isom and the inevitable fall in to say pet because it may be used gares.

Optimism based on a Teutonic theme

Dismissing thoughts of Bayeru at home with them but won 1-0 at their place, so we know we there are not of five successive British victories in the European Cop. Liverpool's manager; Bob Paisley, said yesterdasy that experience would ensure his team a place in the semi-finals despite an unconvincing 1-0 win over C.S.K.A. Sofia at Anfield on Wednesday.

Many of the crowd of under their 2-0 Cup Winners' Cup win over Eintracht Frankfurt. Although the Spurs manager, Keith Burkinshaw, said his side were beginning to struggle before Miller pulled them together with an opening goal, European ties with less in their favour, but the style of their performance this week prompted donbts, whereas, in Romania, Bayern Munich comfortably heat Universitates Craiova with goals from Briesner and Rummening and must be sure of a place in the less four.

Mr Paisley has no special regard for Bayern He used their name as evidence for his optimism, He said: "We drew 0-0 league match against St Mirren. Kevin Bond has asked his father, John, for a transfer from Manchester City. He feels a move would be the best solution to an uneasy situation at the cipb brought about because City's England under-21 international, Reid, said he would not play in midfield and wanted one of the

rights of Bayero at bome with them but won 1-0 a

midfield.

| Brazil were Jeared by a bored 100,000 home crowd in Sao Paulo on Wednesday night after a colourless 1-1 draw against Czechoslovakia. The Brazilian midfield quickly took control of George Berry, the Wolver-hampton Wanderers defeoder, has been suspended for one match by the FA for collecting 20 disciplinary points and misses tomorrow's match at Middlesb-rough. Don McAlfister, of Charlton Athletic, is out for wo games, starting with tomorrow's trip to Sheffield Wednesday, also



Mike Smith: 'I'm consulting my solicitors.'

Public give £2,500 to aid Kettering

Kettering Town, who are filosomo in debt, have had an encouraging response to their appeal for financial support from the general public. The Alliance Premier League club, in the past considered one of the healthiest in non-League football, say they need to raise £10,000 within the next fortuight and £35,000 by the summer if they are to survive.

Two public meetings have led to the formation of five committees, who will organize the rescue operation. More than £2,500 has already been raised to help to save the club, who finished runners-up to Altriacham in the league last season and have one of the hest grounds outside the Football League.

Kettering's case emphasizes the insportance of off-the-field activities to nun-league clubs; for their difficulties do not stem from low attendances or excessive wages. Despite their poor form this season, Kettering's gates have remained around the £,200 mark. Their annual wage bill of £50,000 is smaller than many of their rivals.

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Alliance League's manager of the month award.

NORDIC SKIING

Britons are joining in the citizen races

There is little loneliness at this time of year for long-distance skiers in Scandinavia. The competitive season reaches a climax with the Vasaloppet race over 85 kilometres at Salen in Sweden, held tomorrow, and the Birkebeiner Rennet race at Lillehammer, Norway, on March

Between these events, which attract mass starts many thousands strong, there is the Engadin ski marathon around a 42-kilometre course at Maloja in Switzerland. They are classed as citizen races and their popularity demonstrates the great attraction of Noric Skiing which is slowly developing a following in Britain.

John Noble, Nordic coordinator with the English Ski Council, is a widely experienced ski mountaineer and on on the few British competitors to take part in the König Ludwig Lauf at Oberammergau in West Germany last month. "I was very delighted to come in about 200th considering it was my first attempt and there were 1,800 competitors there were 1,800 competitors behind me". Among them was Mike Parsons, the managing director of Karrimor, the British company that specialise in retailing cross-country skis and equipment in this country. equipment in this country.

Nordic is the oldest form of skiing. West German ski schools in particular have reported that learning to ski on the narrower, lightweight skis used in cross-country quickly develops a

patural feel for moving on skis and a better sense of balance that

in possible in the popular stiff and heavy Alpine boots.

It is common to have 6,000 or more competitors taking part in the big races. Anyone is eligible and is given a starting position in accordance with the date on which his entry arrived. Preference is given to champions, the formidable skiers whose names are household words on the other side of the North Sea, but who are little known on this side.

Skiers who have achieved a Skiers who have achieved

Skiers who have achieved a particularly good time over the distance are also allowed to join the front ranks, "They form a race within the race with the massed ranks of the hopeful breathing down their necks", Mr. Noble said,

British skiers seem to stand little chance of reaching the highest echelous of the sport at present because British snow is rarely good enough or long

trated practice.

The English Ski Council, who are keen to encourage the sport and increase British participation in Continental races, intend to promote the use of Nordic, skis on a number of dry ski slopes. They also aim to spread the use of roller skis which provide another way of training in a country relatively empty of snow, and to earmark any undulating countryside free from obstacles near to towns and cities as cross-tountry ski areas.

Golf club secretaries, it seems.

Golf club secretaries, it seems, may expect a lively interest in their courses the next time there is a covering of snow.

SKIING

Miss Konzett triumphs.

Waterville Valley, New Hampshire, March 4. — Ursula West Germany to make up
Konzeit, of Lichtenstein, won a ground in her chase for the
World Cup slalom event here overall title by finishing ninth,
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Christine Cooper, of the United States, was disqualified. She was 0.26 sec. behind Miss. Konzett after the first run and was hurtling down the 57-gate second run yesterday in sight of a possible victory when she collid-ed with a gate and her right ski was ripped from her boot.

Rose Maria Quario, of Italy, in twelfth place after the first run, recorded the best time of the second section, 43.33sec, to edge our Tamara McKinney, of the United States, for second place. Miss Quario's time was Imin 29.8Ssec, just one-bundredth of a second better than Miss McKindraw.

☐ The Southern and Northern Premier Leagues could award three points for a win next

ney's:
Erika Hess, of Switzerland, the women's leader both overall and in the sislom events, failed to finish after missing a gate. That

Daltrincham, the Alkance League champions, have Tony Sanders, their manager, another

WORLD CUP OVERALL: 1, E Hees (Switzerlend), 277; 2, I Epple, 254; 3, C Cooper (US), 156; 4, C Nelson (US), 145; 6, Aper Konzott, 132; 8, Miss Scelloss, 127; 7, P Pelan (France), 98; 10, Miss Coulons, 92; Craud (France), 98; 10, Miss Cuerto, 92;

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Davis Cup draw is perfect for Britain

From Rex Bellamy Tennis Correspondent Rome, March 4

Britain's already high morale received a further boost with today's draw for their first round Davis Cup tie against Italy, to be played here from tomorrow until Sunday.

When asked what he thought

When asked what he thought of the draw, Paul Hutchinis, Britain's manager, grimmed broadly, and responded: "Tm very happy, thank you." He had reason to be, because Christopher Mottram plays first, as he wanted to, and the angle of the sun will be less troublesome for the left-handed Richard Lewis by the time he zets on court.

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At 10.30 tomorrow morning Mottram will play Adriano Panatta whom he beat in straight sets in the first match of the 1979 tie here. Then Lewis will tackle Corrado Barazzutti. Saturday's doubles pairs can be

Saturday's doubles pairs can be changed up to an hour before they go on court, but it is likely that Andrew Jarrett and Jonathan Smith, both fresh, will play Paolo Bertolucci and Panatta, who by that time will presumably be a little despondent, At the age of 31, Panatta does not recover from tough matches as quickly as he used to. Win or lose, he is likely to spend more energy against Mottram than he would against Lewis, a less adept player against Lewis, a less adept player on shale courts.

The form suggests that Motoram will beat Panatta and tire him, leaving him vulnerable for Saturday's doubles against a pair who have become a confident and formidable partnership since they beat the same two Italians in last year's tie at Brighton.

The only slightly encouraging thing about the draw from an Italian point of view is that Panatta will play his toughest match when he is at his fittest; and his opponent, Mottram, has the difficult task of producing his best form on shale a week after competing indoors at Geno2. Mottram, though, is in super

form at the moment. He could win both his singles and Britain could also take the doubles which is exactly what happened at Brighton last year. But or shale, the Italians may win what should be a thrilling and possibly crucial doubles.

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If they do, it will be up to the great-hearted Lewis to produce the kind of performance with which another big left-hander, Roger Taylor, upset the odds by beating Istvan Gulyas in Budapest in 1966. "But you don't have to depend on Lewis," one pessimistic Italian journalist said. "You can depend on the Italian players".

layers".

Mottram is the only survivo from the British team beaten 4-1 here in 1979. By contrast, the only Italian change will be in the doubles, won for them in 1979 by Barazzutti and Tonino Zugarelli. The Italians are all between 29 and 31 years of age, compared with Britain's age range of 24 to

Britain have an obvious chance to win what should be a memorably tense tie. Their only memorably tense to. Incir only previous successes in 13 ties against Italy were at Rowhampton in 1922 (the first Davis Cup tie Italy ever contested), Rome in 1926, Eastbourne in 1933, and Brighton last year. The last time

Brighton last year. The last time ltaly lost a Davis Cup tie in Rome was as long ago as 1966, against South Africa.

The winners here will play either New Zealand or Spain. So will the losers, in a play-off to decide which of the first-round legers will be released to the losers will be relegated to the sonal qualifying competitions of 1983.

D West Bronwich Albion are to sed a second Dutch midfield player to their line-up. Jol's former Twente Buschede colleague, Zonderyan, travels to the Midlands today to complete his transfer mane.

CAPITAL MARKETS

A HK\$666m loan, backed by the United Kingdom Exports: Credits Guarantee Department, has been arranged to finance the purchase transfer of the first four years, giving an average life of 8.8 years.

Lazard Brothers arranged; the Lazard Brothers arranged; the loan for the Mass Transit Railway Corporation, a quasi-povenment, body. Providing the funds are the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking. Corporation; Chase Manhattan. Bank, Grindlays Asia, Midland Finance (HK), Morgan Guaranty Trust of New York and Barclays Benk International.

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OVERSEAS COMPANIES

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The proposed dividend would total 100 SWir per bearer share, SWir20 per registered share and SWir4 per participation certificate. While profits rose to SWir382m from 334 million francs, the bank's balance sheet expanded by 20.9 per cent to SWir33,738m. The balance sheet grew approximately 10 per cent on a basis comparable with last year if the newly required inclusion of bullion accounts into the balance sheets is not taken into consideration.

dividend in the form of bonus participation certificates. One certificate will be issued free of charge for every two bears shares for every ten registered shares and for every 50 participation certificates already held.

Cartel Office is forbidding Philip Morns Inc. of the United States from acquiring a 50 per cent interest in Rothmans Tobacco Holdings Ltd. of Britain — to the extent the acquisition affects West

The ruling, made yesterday, is aimed at preventing the two West German subsidiaries of Philip Morris and of Robinsans Tobacco from strengthening their position in a cigarette market that is already dominated by five leading tobacco groups. ~ i

LATEST RESULTS

BIDS AND DEALS

tea plantation group which has transformed itself into a properly developer, has accompanied reduced half year profits with plans for a large office scheme at Crowdon. Croydon.
Pre-tax profits fell from £1.83m

to £1.18m in the six months to December with turnover slipping from £10.67m to £10.18m. As last from £10.67m to £10.18m. As last year there is no half year dividend: The group has paid £8,500 for an 85 per cent stake in Cardwool Ltd, which has soquired a 2.5 acresite adjacent to East Croydon station which forms part of an area on which there is outline planning consent for 700,000 sq ft of offices and shops together with a new rail station.

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Leisure industries Group, a newly-formed holding company for Leisure industries, of Bideford, Devon, said it is seekig a quotation on the unlisted securities market following a placing of part of its share capital by Samuel Montagus in confunction with

Cable maker BICC said its subsidiary Ballour Kilpatrick has formed a joint Mexican company. Dicomsa Kilpatrick de Mexico, capitalized at 160 pesos 160m (£2.3m) with Group Discussas. (£2.3m) with Group Dicomsa.

Bicc said the new company, with Ballour Kilpatrick holding 49 per cent will take over and expand group Dicomsa's electrical and mechanical contracting interests.

Bestobell has acquired Armtec Industries the United States electronics company for \$7.5m.

Based in Manchester, New Hampshirs, Armtec employs about 350 people and manufactures quality electronic components for the aerospace, electronics and a wide range of industrial markets.

Staveley Inc. The United States

staveley inc, The United States subsidiary of Staveley Industries, acquired all the shares of Sonic Instruments, the NDT Systems and Ultrasonic instruments manufacturer of Trenton, New Jersey. Surmah Oil announced yesterday that its takeover bid for Croda International had lapsed after acceptances reached only 16.9 acceptances reached only 16.9 per cent of the voting capital.

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products group.

Two of the company's principal shareholders, Midland Bank Industrial Finance and Metroy, will, be seffing part of all of their holdings to facilitate the placing.

Secure 280m offer by £20m — a level it felt unable to justify.

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WALL STREET

Prices opened lower in active trading of New York Stock Exchange issues today.

The Dow Jones Industria Average was off by 1.15 points to \$14.01 shortly after the market opened. Declines outnumbered advances by 484 to 251 among the 1,076 issues crossing the tape.

Early "big board" volume reached about 3.53m shares. Oils, coals and transportation issues

have fallen in the last couple of sessions as OPEC and non-OPEC members have lowered prices because of the oil glut.

Energy selling has been intense since Britain lowered its prices by \$4.00 a barrel and some key analysts have lowered their recommendations and earnings estimates.

Heavy trading has indicated that many institutions are still "cleaning out" their portfolios of energy issues prior to the end of the first quarter.

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Current Magic helps

Boycott's county future is in melting pot

Events in South Africa are casting long shadows over Headingley. On Sunday the full Yorkshire general committee will meet for the long-awaited final act of deliberation on the proposals of the sub-committee which has been looking into the courty's affairs.

county's affairs.

Inevitably, the flight to South
Africa by Geoffrey Boycott and
others has thrown a large new
boulder into an already troubled
stream. The major point of discussion will be the future, if any,
at Yorkshire County Cricket Club
of Boycott, whose contract expires
in September.

There are those prepared to argue that Boycott's future with Yorkshire is totally separate from the politically explosive doings of the so-called cricketing doings of the so-called cricketing mercenaries in South Africa. Only a handful of people in Yorkshire hold this view; for many Yorkshire supporters, particularly those of the anti-Boycott lobby, his apparent defiance of the spirit and word of the Gleneagles Agreement and the secrecy of the operation are further chapters in the recent history of his misdemeanours and errors of inde-

The recommendation from the the recommendation from the ub-committee is that Boycott would be allowed to leave the busity on the empiry of his contact. There are several other ecommendations but these pale to insignificance besides the oycott affair which has been a settering sure in the side of York. restering sore in the side of Yorkchire cricket for several seasons.

The meeting is scheduled to
start at Headingley at 10.30 on
Sunday morning, and indications
are that it will be long and torrid,
with a press statement from the

e antergoon,
since the recommendations of
sub-committee were leaked
fortnight ago, the Reform
oup and other bodies have been
king support for Boycott and
ing to sway sufficent members
the general committee to three the general committee to throw the "let him go" proposal, one doubts or underestimates strength of the pro-Boycoft ing, which has asserted itself

victory over a combined on-Mariborough team in a day 50 overs match today on, the top scorer provided backbone of Australia's 195

c Cresswell, b Gib Jones, b Aberhart b Cresswell.

accepted by most players as a positive way to improve their game. True, Peter Oosterhuis re-quired seven years on the circuit before he claimed his first win in

before he claimed his first win in the Canadian Open last August but he is now a more complete player and the improvement in Nicholas Faldo, who has played less than one hundred rounds on this side of the Atlantic, is a fair barometer by which to judge such

a belief.

In the £150,000 Bay Hill classic, which began one hour late today after a heavy downpour, Oosterbuis and Faldo returned first rounds of 70 and 72 respectively. Nevertheless there were moments when Costerhuis and Faldo Allustrated that their artillations.

Faldo Illustrated that their artillery is strongly enough equipped to handle the terrain of courses such as this 7,089 yards monster,

Oosterhuis claims that the reason for his poor showing so far his season—he is a lowly 109th on the money list—is frustration

on the money list—is frustration on the putting greens. That was abundantly clear when, after scoring birdies at the 14th and 15th, he missed more opportunities from Inside eight feet

Oosterhuis produced some superb long iron approaches to the well-gnarded greens including a three iron to 20 feer at the 200

yards second hole, which brought

Dyson the inspiration

GOLF

Faldo's ironmongery

is equal to the task

From Mitchell Platts, Orlando, March 4

at other times of crisis: over the captaincy, alleged dressing-room revolts, slow-scoring, rows with the team manager (Ray Hlingworth), and, most recently, the prenature return from India, As one disenchanted Headingley member told me at the famous Test ground: "There are those who believe Geoffrey can do no wrong, If he was alleged to have

citing."

It is this worship of Boycott, rivalling the adulation once given to such as Herbert Sutcliffe and Leonard Hutton, that leads people to believe that Boycott will survive even the South African upheaval. He is still justifably regarded as the most gifted Yorkshire batsman, the ideal man to build a sound innings and to act as a steadying influence on younger batsmen.

Although critics constantly cite

Although critics constantly cite occasions when self-interest has seemed to motivate Boycott far more than the welfare of the team—resulting in slowly-compiled knowns when quick scoring has been necessary—Boycott's achievements in statistical terms defy and disarm a great deal of argument.

The other recommendations to be discussed include the suggested appointment of a chief executive, the streamlining of the Yorkshire committee, and the

There is a great deal of cyni-cism about these proposals, and the general feeling amongst county members is that the subcommittee's report will get an extremely rough ride. Indeed, one extremely rough ride. Indeed, one man I spoke to was prepared to say that the recommendations will be dismissed on bloc " and have been a waste of everyone's

in the Yorkshire Cricket Sup-porters' Association (the Reform Group) announced yesterday that they would oppose any recom-mendations unless there is a re-ferendum among the members, the Press Association reports.

all out in 49.3 overs, after the local side had collapsed for 132 in 37.2 overs.

Dyson, who batted 171 minutes in 12 forms and six helped

Dyson, who batted 171 minutes and his 13 fours and a six, helped to lift the touring from 10 a reasonable total afetr they slumped to 105 for six.

(218 yards), where he struck a two iron with great authority and left the ball some 12 feet from the hole. From there he holed the putt for the second two of his round.

Faldo suffered an early setback

Faldo suffered an early setback as the heavens opened when he was at the 12th; he pushed his drive into trees and, after coming out cleanly, struck a four-iron which left the ball plugged in a bunker. It added up to a six at this 568-yard par five but he underlined why he has been able to climb into thirty-third place on the US money list this year with two superb shots which both brought birdies.

As the 18th—his ninth hole be-

At the 18th—his ninth hole be-cause he had begun at the tenth—the ball strayed into the semi-rough after a slightly pushed drive but he selected a five-iron for a 191-yard shot to the green and left the ball only seven feet from the hole

He showed even greater authority at the minth when, from 185 yards, he struck a six-iron with such precision that the ball pitched less than six inches from the hole and finished only four feet away.

Australians to be invited

Autograph hunters: Taylor signs his name for a small boy, while Boycott (left) and

By Staff Reporters At the Test and County Cricket
Board met in London yesterday
to debate the cricketing futures
of the 12 players in South
Africa, it was reported in Melbourne that a team containing
Australians and West Indians
would be invited to South Africa
in October to play a benefit match
for the opening batsman. Barry for the opening batsman, Barry Richards

Four Australians, Greg Chappell, Dennis Lillee, Rodney Marsh and Jeff Thomson, will be invited together with the West Indians, Gordon Greenidge, Malcolm Marshall and Andy Roberts; who have played with Richards, for Hampshire. Chappell, the Australian cap-tain, who is at present on tour in New Zealand, said he would like to play but only with the

consent of the Australian Cricket Board. "If it was for Barry's testimontal, I'd like to go there and play. But I wouldn't do so without first seeking charance from the Australian Cricket Board," he said. ment subscribed to the Gleneagles Agreement.

In London, the Test and County Cricket Board's executive countities meeting deferred until today a decision about the Test futures of the players. It is believed that the executive, under the chairmanship of George Mann, considered a resolution from Northamptonshire which in effect proposes burning the 12 players from Test and county cricket.

Gleneagles Agreement

In view of the controversy over the unoffical cricket tour to South Africa; we reprint below the Gleneagies Agreement communique published in The Times after the Commonwealth Conference in June 1977.

The member countries of the Commonwealth, embracing resolves of diverse well and the commonwealth. Commonwealth, embracing peoples of diverse races, colours, languages and faiths, have long recognized racial prejudice and discrimination as a dangerous sickness and an unmitigated evil and are pledged to use all their efforts to foster human dignity everywhere. At their London meeting, the Heads of Government reaffirmed that spartheld in sports, as in other fields, is an abomination and runs directly counter to the declaration of Commonwealth principles which they made at Singapore on January 22, 1971.

They were conscious that sport

They were conscious that sport is an important means of develop-ing and fostering understanding between the people, and especially between the young people, of all countries. But, they were also aware that, quits apart from other

factors, sporting contacts between their nationals and the nationals of countries practising spartheid in sport tend to encourage the belief (however unwarranted) that belief (however unwarranted) that they are prepared to condone this abborrent policy or are less than totally committed to the principles embodied in their. Singapore declaration. Regretting past misunderstandings and difficulties and recognizing that these were partly the result of inadequate intergovernmental consultations, they agreed that they would seek to remedy this situation in the context of the increased level of understanding now achieved.

context of the increased level of understanding now achieved.
They reaffirmed their full support for the international campaign against apartheid and welcomed the efforts of the United Nations to reach universally accepted approaches to the question of sporting contacts within the framework of that framework of the framework. tion of sporting contacts within the framework of that campaign. Mindful of these and other con-siderations, they accepted it as the urgent duty of each of their Gov-ernments vigorously to combat the evil of apartheid by withholding any form of support for, and by

mons from Labour MPs for not condemning the tour contribut. Against a background of demands that she should "clear the air and give a straight answer", she said she endorsed Lord Carrington's criticism of the tour. In Brussels a motion calling for the EBC to ban sporting links with South Africa has been tabled at the European Parliament by Mr. Rotand Boyes, Labour MEP for Dortan.

taking every practical step to dis-courage, contact or competition by their nationals with sporting organizations, teams or sportsmen from South Africa or from any other country where sports are organized on the basis of face, colour or ethnic origin.

They fully acknowledged that it was for each Government to determine in accordance with its laws the methods by which it might best discharge these commitments.

Heads of Government specially welcomed the belief, unanimously expressed at their meeting, that in the light of their consultations and accord there were unlikely to be future sporting contacts of any significance, between Commonbe nature spiring contacts of any significance between Commonwealth commission their nationals and South Africa, while that country continues to pursue the detestable policy of spartheid. On that basis, and having regard to their commitments, they looked forward with satisfaction to the bolding of the Commonwealth. holding of the Commonwealth Games in Edmonton and to the continued arrengthening of Com-monwealth sport generally.

Rain brings end to first Abraham's reputation

From Eric Marsden Pretoria, March 4

early

match

Current Magic, the 12-year-old bay stallion by Current Coin out of the Aureole mare Phosphorescence, won the King George V Cup at the National Thoroughbred Stallion Show of the Humers' Improvement Society at Park Paddocks, Newmarket, yesterday. He received from Her Majesty the Queen, the trophy he won previously in 1979. Graham Gooch's team, playing under the banner of the South African Brewerles English XI, seem to have decided collectively Stallion Show of the Hunters' Improvement Society at Park Paddocks, Newmarket, yesterday. He received from Her Majesty the Queen, the trophy he won previously in 1979.

Owned by Max. Abraham, whose stud of hunter stallions near York is by now the most influential in the country. Current Magic was first eighbited here in 1978 by Graham Lloyd of Hay-on-Wye, to win the Macdonald-Buchanau Cup for horses new to the premium. to defy the severe warning sent them from Lord's of the conse-quences for them and for English them from Lord's of the Consequences for them and for English cricket if the tour continues.

One of the tour organizers. Peter Cooke, said tonight, after rain had brought the opening match against a South African under 25 XI to an early conclusion, that the players had received the messages from London and would be replying in a private manner. He added that the tour would go on as planned, as the players were bound to him contracturally for one month.

The English bowlers hit back on the field at Berus Park the morning, when the early wickets to cause the under 25 side to slump from 51 for one overnight to 114 for six Underwood took two wickets and Taylor, Hendrick and Emburey one each. After lunch the coits struck back with an eight-wicket stand of 43 between Radford and van Vunren and declared at 170 for eight, a lead of 18 runs.

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Runner up for the trophy was Jimmy Spell's Saunter, by Charlottsville out of Padella by St Paddy, the defending champion, who also won the King George V Cup in 1978 and stands near Helston in Cornwall at his owner's stud, one of the most successful in the land. Mr Spell gave up his bakery in the 1960s There was special appliance for the spin attack of Underwood, who took two for 35, and Emburey, one for 19, but the most effective and economical of the bowlers was the fast-medium Taylor with two for 20 in 13. overs. forces with a 2-2 draw against

in an attempt to polarize the "white" and "black" cricketing countries into two camps, with England, Australia and New Zealand on one side and Pakistan, India, West Indies and Sci Lanka

on the other.

Six thousand tickets were sold

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SA tour

Cloucester look set to enter the political row over sporting links with South Africa. The players and officials have agreed to attend a mini-tournament in Pretoria in May, providing the Rugby Union agree.

Rugby Union agree.

The club has had warini confirmation that the union do not
object to the tour and written
confirmation of this is being
awaited before the final arrange-

ments are made.

ments are made.

Even if the tour goes ahead the centre, Steve Parsice, a Cheltenham teacher, is unlikely to go unless he decides he wants a change of job. His employers, the Gloucestershire County Council, have refused to allow Parsice, aged 25, the two weeks off either with or without pay and he has been warned if he goes he will be in breach of confract.

Bob Weighill, secretary of the

he will be in breach of contract.

Bob Weighill, secretary of the
RFU, said yesterday; "We still
believe we have no power to stop
teams going to South Africa. All
we can do is explain the Goverument attitude.

"We've had a series of meetings with Neil Macfatlane, the
Minister for Sport, and he is not
keen on allowing people to go to
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South Africa but as the law of the land stands we cannot stop them."

them."
The England full back,
"Dusty" Hare, the world record
points-scorer, is also scheduled
to visit South Africa this year to

Weakened Leicester

Lefcester, already weakened by the loss of five internationals, have made two changes to the side that best the Royal Navy 17—12 on Wednesday might, for tonight's visit of Harlequins. Hall has recovered from an ankle injury and replaces Afflick, while loyce is included for the injured Gillingham.

MOTOR RALLYING

Audi's spin puts

another in lead

Another in lead

Lisbou, March 4. — Michele Monton, the French woman, driving the revolutiouary Audit Quattro, took the lead in the World Champlonship Rally of Portugal at the Close of the second section here today after her team colleague, Hannu Mikkola of Fioland, had dropped out after spinning off the road. There was more hard luck for another Finn, Henri Totvonen, the Opel team driver who slipped from second to 20th position Miss Mouton left her main rival. West Germany's Walter Robri, 58 seconds behind. After a puncture in an earlier section Britain's Tony Pond had moved up to fourth Lisbon's Relig of Portugal second 12:17. 17: 3. Blorn Walderpaad (Sweden) Towals Colling 12:17:17: 3. Blorn Walderpaad (Sweden) Towals Colling 12:17:17: 3. Blorn Walderpaad (Sweden) Towals Colling 12:17:17: 3. Pontage 1: Trance) Forsche 9:11. 22:3:00. —App.

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Everything seemed to be going well for Civil; Service who took the lead in the 17th minute from

an empty goal.

Wood equalised after picking up a pass from the left by Cox. Chetwood put them in front from a long corner, which was hit out by Eanham.

Seven minutes after play was resumed the Army were penalised for deliberate obstruction, inside

Hockey

Civil Service completed their

a defeat, which is an unusual re-

cord for a side accustomed in recent years to making a clean weep of the series. They came out of a tight corner

yesterday with a penalty-stroke conversion which enabled them

to level the score, the Army hav-ing changed the course of the game with two goals in two minutes just before the interval.

for deliberate obstruction inside the circle. They conceded a penalty stroke which was converted by Sibia. In the last five minutes Civil Service looked more dangerous than they had at any time in the match but could not score. in the match but could not score. The disciplinary committee of the Hockey Association have suspended Bal Saint, of Buckinghamshire; for 16 days, following reports or his conduct after a match on January 31 in which Buckinghamshire defeated Worcestershire 2—0 in the county champiouship. The suspension, effective from last Wednesday, will stop Saint from playing for Buckinghamshire in the semificial round at Ipswith on March 13:

Boxing

The 59th Oxford Cambridge boxing match takes place this evening (8-0) in Oxford Town Hall. Some may claim it to be the 75th anniversary meeting between the two clobs; the fact is, from 1897 till 1912 there was a combined boxing and fencing club at both places until these sports went their separate ways in 1913. Age apart, the evening promises an international flavour. Oxford team members come from the United States. Zimbabwe, Iran and Australia.

Oxford on their own stamping ground and with five Blues to The 59th Oxford-Cambridge

BADMINTON BASKETBALL

ICE HOCKEY

Cycling Despite the continuing state of martial law in Poland, it appears that Polish involvement in cycling

The Sealink race will be used by Poland as vital preparation for the Peace Race, the season's leading cycling event in Eastern Europe; in which four of the 12 stages will take place in Poland, as planned. These include the seventh stage into Warsaw on May 17.

With 18 leading teams due to compute, the Peace Race will be pete, the Peace Race will be

TENNIS LOS ANGELES: Woman? Servound: M Jansovec (Yngodayin: B Gadwak, 7-5, 2-6, -1; B. 1er best A Klyomure, 6-2; 6-5; B J King boat B Binge, 4-7-5; 6-1; A Leand best C Ke SALISBURY (Maryland): WCF con-35 loursmant; M Reissen beat C Graebner 7-6, 6-3; R-Taylor (GB) beat E Scott 6-1, 7-6; T Okion (Nejnarands) beat R Hewit (SA) 7-5, 6-2; C Richey beat A Ohmedo (Ferru), 7-6, 6-3

TODAY'S FIXTURES Kick-off 7.50 unless stated
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(Motapur Park, 2.30).
RUCEY LEAGUE: Second division:
Salvord V Heilhar. Salford v Hallfax:
LACROSSE: Women's indoor match:
England v England Reserves (Crystal
Palsco NSC, S.O);
RACKETS: Queen's weekend (Queen's
Club, West Remaington).
REAL TENNIS: Queen's weekend
(Queen's Club, West Remaington).
SQUASW RACKETS: 1974 championship (Abbeydale Park Club, Sheffield).

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FIRST. ROUND: (US unless stated): 63. S. Hoch, 67. S., Wakkins: J. Hass., 68. H. Irwin, 59., D. Walson (SA) P. Conner, T. Kite. B. Sneed, 70., P. Oosterhuls (GB), P. Hancock, K. Forgus, J. Pale, B. Michell, Tl. L. Graham, 72. N. Faldo (GB), A. Bean, C. Strange. Belle of the Spanish wind

In a thoroughly difficult wind, Belle Robertson added a 74 to her opening 70 to lead the qualifiers for the Spanish Women's Championship at Santa Ponsa by no fewer than six shots. What is more, her score paved the way for the British team of Mrs Robertson, Wilma Aitken and Janet Soulsby to win the Nations Cup—an event tied in with the qualifying rounds—by four shots from a second British side comprising Mary McKenna, Clare Houribaue and Vicki Thomas.

Miss Houribane finished sec-

Majorca under the eye of the 1982 Curtis Cup captain, Mrs Maire O'Donnell, succeeded in reaching the match-play stages. Mrs Robertson was four over fours with four holes to play when she went eagle, birdie, birdie. She let rip with her tee shot at the last in an attempt o finish under par but sady, wound up with a six.

In the first of the morning's matches Mrs Robertson meets Kimberley Gardner, an American jumor who is currently attending a finishing school in Paris.

LEADING BRITISH SCORES: B Robertson 70, 74—144; C Hourthane 73, 77—150; V Thomas 76, 75—151; M McKenna 75, 77—152; W Altker 74, 78—162; P Wright 77, 78—155; J Souleby 76, 80—106; M Madill 78, 78—156. Miss Houribane finished second behind Mrs Robertson in the individual battle for qualifying first, while all eight members of the 1982 training squad in

SNOOKER

Virgo loses after 101 break

John Virgo had a break of 101 but it was still not enough to give him victory over Joe Johnson, in the Yamaha Organs snooker trophy round robin scries in Derby yesterday.

Virgo began with a 2—1 victory over Dennis Taylor the Irish champion. In his next match he compiled his fine century break but then went down by two games to one to give Johnson a winning start to the group.

Taylor, Virgo and Johnson each won one of the afternoon matches, leaving Reardon still to get off the mark.

Terry Griffiths finished top of Terry Griffiths finished top of his group on Wednesday to reach tomorrow's semi-finals. He said: "It will be a lot tougher in the next round." Griffiths and Birmingham's Graham Miles reached the second semi-final to join David Taylor and Cliff Thorburn in the more over of the transity. in the more open of the two

Smith runs to prove his fitness

Sceve Smith, the England rugby aprain and scrum half, took a tall part in the team's two-hour training session at St Mary's Col-lege, Strawberry Hill, yesterday and declared himself fit for to-morow's match against Wales at Twackenham.

Smith, who will win a record twemy-fifth cap against Weles said: "I ran for the first time in a week and I am very pleased with my recovery from an achilles rendon injury." He has also been swimming and exercising since his ankle injury. Nick Jeavons, a flanker who suffered an ankle injury against France, and Nick Stringer, the reserve full back, who has had a hamstring strain, were also passed fit for tomorrow after further tests yesterday.

Smith said: "We did not give our backs a proper platform against Scotland and Ireland. This time we must get the plat-form from the set pieces to give them their chance."

them their chance."

Tony Trigg, an international panel referee, will discuss points of the game with the England players. In particular he will advise England on their tendency to concede penalties.

The Wales No 8. Jeff Squire (Pontypool), who missed squad training on Monday, is fit and will play against England. He was absent with a heavy cold but has recovered and, with the rest of the Welsh squad, went through a gruelling practice in Cardiff yesterday. vesterday.

John Lloyd, the Welsh coach, said that the session lasted longer than usual at the players' request. Scotland's rugby union squad had a tough two-and-a-half hour work-out at Murrayfield yester-day to prepare for tomorrow's international against France. Jim Telfer, the coach, passed them

The French, now at the bottom of the five nations championship.



Joker in the pack: Blakeway makes a jocular point to judge by the faces of Winterbottom, Wheeler and Smart

trained in Paris before flying into Edinburgh last night.

I Trevor Ringland, the Queen's University winger, is recalled by Ireland for their grand slam match against France in Paris on March 20. He missed Ireland's triple crown win against Scotland because of a hand injury.

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Great Britain mean business

By Keith Macklin

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The most intensive preparations in history for an international series are scheduled for the players of Great Britain who will be soeking revenge over Australia this winter.

So determined are the Great Britain who will be special selectors and managers to wipe out the ignominy of a 3—0 thrashing in the Australian series of 1979, that a remarkable and strenuous training plan will be named on April 19 for a three-month programme of strength, speed add filmess training. The programme will be senior lecturer in physical education at Carnegie College, Leeds, Rod McKenzie.

There Rugby League professionals will take charge of the same's skills. They are Graham Starkey in Lancashing and west of the Pennines, Roger Millward on Humberside,

and Makoim Reilly in west York-shire.

There will be training camps on the weekends of June 5, June 25 and July 24, and emphasis throughout will be on the build.

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compete, the Peace Race will be the first important international sports fixture to be hosted by Polarid this year. The world cross country championships, which were to be held in Warsaw, have been switched to Rome on March 21.

Athletics

Venissa Head hopes to mark her return to athletics with snother shot putt record in the Welsh championships at Sr Athan later this month, after a frustrating six-nouth, period of injuries Miss Head; now a member of Bristol AC, was in London yesterday to receive a gold award presented by the Guardian Royal Exchange to athletes who achieve UK, national championship records.

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BL has spent £19m on development work and manufacturing facilities for the Ambassador and set a sales

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omparison and claims that

Plas, which has a sun roof, alloy wheels and stereo radio

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surprise, given the styling of the car, is that it was not fitted from the start The tailgate confers sev-

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Peace with honour on levy rate Encouraging

to the needs of racing, I have decided that levy rates should be increased by 12 per cent. Mr. Langdon estimates that the horserace betting turnover will in-crease by 4 per cent in the period of the 21st Levy Scheme. On that assumption the rates of levy which I have determined should. produce a yield of about £20 million a year. I am satisfied the bookmakers will be able to make their contributions to the levy at this rate without making any increase in their deductions from

This estimated figure of £20m represents an increase of £2.4m on last year's figure of £17.6m, which is £4.4m short of the figure asked for by the Levy Board.

board.

Ron. Pollard. - a director of Ladbrokes said: "We are disappointed that there has been an



Ron Barry, the Northern jockey will have his first Grand National ride for six years when he partners Broderick Munro-Wilson's Coolishall at Aimtree

Coolishall, now a 13-year-old, will be making his fifth attempt to win the race in successive years. In 1978, the gelding finished a close fourth to Lucius when ridden by Martin O'Halloran, and the following year, with Tony Webber aboard, he fell at the fourth less:

Barry aboard Coolishall

whose stirrup broke at the third feace, causing borse and rider to part company. Last year, Bill Smith was a last-minute replacement for Munro-Wilson, who was hurt in a fall in the Foxhunters, and the combination finished eighth behind Aldaniti.

mission for Cruise Missile

By Michael Phillips Racing Correspondent

The Lambourn trainer Nicky Henderson seems well placed to win the State Express Young Steeplechusers qualifier at Newhors today with Cruise Missile who is owned by his father-in-law, John Thorne.

It is not surprising that Cruise Missile has taken so well to jumping fences because he has it in his blood. Although his dam, Polaris Missile, was good enough to win the National Hunt Steeplechase at Cheltenbam in 1966 she has become much more famous as a brood mare thanks in the achievements of her son

to the achievements of her son Spartm Missile.

In due course, Cruise Missile should prove a valuable addition to the band of stallions standing on his owner's stud in Warwich harms because unlike the main car to place in the market. Its overall length of nearly 15 feet suggests duplication with the bottom and of the Rover range. BL is naturally shire because, unlike the majority of steeplechasers, he is atill an entire. Furthermore, his grandsire, Never Bend, is also the grandsire of Mill Reef. anxious to avoid such a the Ambassador's main rivals will be medium cars, such as the Ford Cortina and Vaux-ball Cavalier.

Cruise Missile has won twice at Kempton this season so the fences at Newbury should not be a problem for him. The second of a problem for firm. The second or those victories was only a week ago when he proved much too good for Princeton, who had won his two previous races. At his best, Fanloon would be more of a discount than Nicht Manuage when Nicht Manuage when Nicht Manuage was not been nicht wie was nicht was nic danger than Nickle Moppett who fell in his last race at Ascot.

Border Incident would also be hard to beat in the Arkell Brewery Handicap Steeplechase if he were only half the horse he once was. Sadly, though, be has looked but a shadow of his former self in his last two races. former seit in his fast two races.
Border Incident has been plagued,
by back trouble ever since he fell
in the Gold Cup two years ago
and it was certainly troubling
him again at Wincanton eight
days ago when John Francome
had no option but to pull him up.

However, his trainer, Richard Head, said yesterday that, following another course of physiotherapy, Border Incident is all right again now but to be doubly sure, he intends delaying the final decision about running until after his vet has examined

Palatinate, my selection for the March Hare Handicap Hurdle, will be meeting Carved Opal on 11lb better terms than when he was beaten a head by him at Huntingdon last week.

Both have been entered for the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham and so too has Cima who is my selection for the second division of the Tweedledum Novices Hurdle at Haydock today. In-deed, Cims features prominently in the ante post betting for the Triumph, which is regarded as

Anuaro-Wilson plans to give the four-year-old championship.

Coolishall: two rous before the big day. He will ride the gedding himself in the Horse and Round and it will not escape the notice of some that he also beat the Current Triumph favouite, Royal Ron Barry will take over in the Kencot Handicap Steeplechase at Newbury a week before Amtree.

integral air dam.
Mechanically, the chief innovation is the 100 bhp twin carburettor version of

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The Ambassador's credentials BL's Princess saloon is Austin Ambassador, the change of name being justified by a substantially

Replacing the Princess: the five-door Ambassador

Metro and revised Rover in going to 12,000 mile service production. intervals. Routine servicing Conservat times are reduced as well, so that according to BL, over 50,000 miles or four years the Ambassador will cost £255 and the equivalent Cortina £313. The car is the first from a British mass producer to have sealed-for-life batteries, which need neither cleaning nor topping up.

I have driven, briefly, the twin carb and 1700 versions Certainly the prices of the Ambassador have been fixed with such models in mind. of the Ambassador and, curiously, the smaller en-gined car was smoother and quieter. Around 70 mph the There are five versions, starting with the 1700L at £5,105, which is the same as the 1600L Cortina and £50 cheaper than the equivalent Cavalier. The top of the range version is the Vanden two litre developed an un-pleasant boom and was generally less refined than a top model should be. I also preferred the manual steering of the 1700 to the powerassisted system standard on cassette unit and sells at £7,765; it lines up against the 2300 Cortina Ghia. the two top versions which seemed over-servoed and lacking in feel. The general shape of the car, with its once fashionable wedge, is much the same as before but apart from the

The Princess range was not noted for performance and though acceleration times have been cut a little, the Ambassador is no flier, either. The 1700 is sluggish in comparison with the 1.6 Cevalier and the twin carb 50 better than average for its class. The Cavalier is also more economical. The Ambassador comes out well against the Cortina, though the latter is being replaced in

Ride quality shows a distinct improvement. The Princess was a softly comfortable, the car. As usual with the hatchback design, the rear seat can be folded down to more than treble the load area, from 17 cubic feet to car but prone to wallow and not always good at soaking up the bumps. The Ambassa-dor is no less comfortable but feels tighter and is smoother over rough sur-Space inside the car is faces. The seats have been unchanged which means that reshaped without compromising their generous padding. models can boast so much head and legroom in the

Renault debut

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the autumn.

and appearance are both enhanced by the addition of whether motorists prefer their cars to have boots or tailgates will be revived next rear quarter windows, and there is a squarer and cleaner front end with an week with the arrival in Britain of the Renault 9. It is a three-box saloon which will compete in the small medium sector of the market, where Renault is already represented by the 14 the four-cylinder, two litre O Remault is already replaces engine. It replaces that chback, and where most series, which will no longer other manufacturers have be made (though the 1750 adopted the hatchback solu-

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The single carburettor 2000 and 1700 are carried forward from the Princess as the other engine options.

The twin carburettor the twin carburettor betters the 2200 on fuel consumption and is also a little quicker. The official figures are 24.4 mpg (as against 22.1) on the urban cycle, 40.9 mpg (34.0) at 56 mph and 30.1 mpg (27.0) at 75 mph. Thanks in part to higher gear ratios, the offier manufacturers nave adopted the hatchback solution. As a saloon, in fact, the 9 such later than being further tion.

As a saloon, in fact, the 9 such later the biggest sellers in this class in 1981 were the saloon, but with a longer wheelbase and a rigid rear axle in place of independent suspension.

The Triumph Acclaim is another oldish car under the skin and the Volkswagen cycle, 40.9 mpg (34.0) at 56 mph and 30.1 mpg (27.0) at 75 mph. Thanks in part to higher gear ratios, the offier two engines give improved economy at steady speeds, but are thirstier in town.

Fuel consumption is only to make three times as many one element in running costs 9s as 14s. Indeed, the new car and the Ambassador joins the will account for around a quarter of total Renault

Conservatively styled, the 9 has two engines, 1108 cc and 1397 cc, which are both familiar from other Renault models. But they have new cylinder heads and are used for the first time in a transverse layout. The trans-missions, four and five-speed manual boxes and an automatic, are new and the suspension is all-indepen-

Inside the car the main novelties are provided by the front seats. They use closely spaced runners which allow back seat passengers to slide their feet forward under-neath; and the whole seat tilts, so that the driver can shift to a more comfortable position and the passenger lean back and go to sleep.

On fuel consumption, the 9 can claim to be the best in its class. Average returns, based on the official test figures, are between 41 and 43 mpg for the manual version and nearly 38 for the automatic. This excellent economy has, to some extent, been achieved at the expense of performance and the 1108 cc engine takes a very leisurely 21 seconds to reach 60 mph from rest.

Since British motorists tend to be suspicious of flamboyent designs, the 9 could have wide appeal. It rides well, but with much less body roll than on some Renault models, and the new gearboxes are first class. Space in the back is not overgenerous, however, and the ventilation system lacks power. Prices are from £4,100 for the 1108cc base model to £5,688 for the top of the range TSE.

New Peugeot estate

Another new French car which will be on sale in Britain this month is the Peugeot 505 Estate. Its predecessor, the 504, was one of the best big estates even if it was more than tan years old, and the 505 promises the same outstanding combin-ation of space and comfort.

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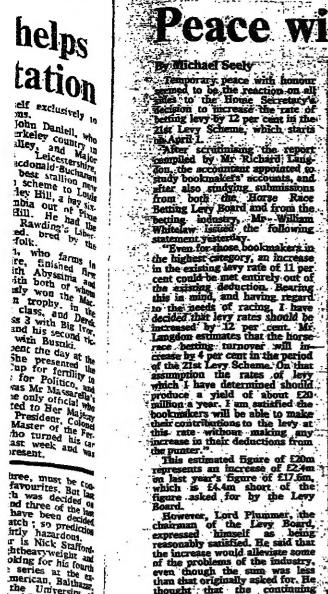
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in Australia this winter, will again be first jockey to Fulke Johnson Houghton's Blewbury stable this flat season and one of his first rides will be Socks Up in the Lincoln Handicap.

Johnson Houghton Jost his promising colt Walking Beside. You earlier this year after a freak accident on the gailops, leaving the stable with only one real Derby hope. Northern Dancer colt Minshanshin Amad.

Tote Double: 3.0 and 4.0. Treble 2.30, 3.30 and 4.30.

[Television (BBC 2): 2.30, 3.0, 3.30 and 4.0 races]

2.30 STATE EXPRESS YOUNG CHASERS (22,731, 2 km) (11)

8.30 DARLY MIRROR CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS CHAMPIONSHIP

4.0 MARCH HARE HURDLE (4-y-o handicap: £2,607; 2m 100yd) (9)

4.30 WHATCOMBE HURDLE: (Div II: novices: £1,103: 2m 100yd) (13)

5.0 WHATCOMBE HURDLE (DIV III: novices: £1,103: 2m 100yd) (12)

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You earlier this year after a Johnson Houghton has high freak accident on the gallops, hopes roo, for the filly Ecstatica, and his entered her for the leaving the stable with only one. Brights, French and his chitered a close fourth to Lucius when ridden by Martin O'Halloran, sits. Ecstatica, a good runner-up and the following year, with to Direct Dirity at Salisbury in the fourth last. In 1980, he was ridden by his but was disappointing when sixth Newbury's Fred Darling Stakes.

Newbury Sicilian Gold

Sicilian Gold, a 50-1 chance, smatched a last-stride victory in the Border Opportunity Selling Handicap Hurdle at Ludlow yesterday to maintain a 190 per cent record in sellers on the course for the Market Harba course for the Market Harbo-rough trainer, Michael Chapman: Chapman has had three runners in sellers at Ludlow, and they

in sellers at Ludlow, and they have all won.

Sicilian Gold was bought by Chapman for 400 guineas from Bill. Clay 12 months ago, and ironically, it was one of Clay's horses, Gambling Wren, who was beaten in the photo finish.

Polarita, despite diving sharply to the right on the run in, was an easy two-and-a-balf-lengths winner from Auteres in the Stokesay Stavers' Marce Handicap Hardle.

ner from Anteres in the Stokessy Stayers' Mares Handicap Hardle. The winner, backed from 14-1 to 10-1, is trained on the Isle of Wight by Alan Aylett, who said "It's a 350-mile round trip to this course, but it was well worth-while. 302 219-289 BORDER MCDIENT (A Wignester) R Head 12-17-7 Francope
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the Giant Cave: 4.45 Finders Keepers: Battleships game. between Colneis County Junior School and Harestock County Junior School. The referee is Richard Stilgon.

5.10 Grange Hill: Final episode. The end of term examination; 5.35 fvor the Engine (r). News.With Richard Baker, 6.00 South East at Skr. 6.22 Nationwide. Includes the first in a series of films about the working of the House of Lords. Peers are interviewed (See Choice.) 6.45 Sportawide, with Desmond

7.09 Film: Mister Moses (1965) Wildlife game reserve in Kenya. Robert Mitchum game reserve in Kenya. Huber when the plays the quack doctor whose aid is charted by some villagers when they fearn that their village is to be flooded. He helps to lead their animals to safety. Co-starring Carroll Baker and Ian Bannen. 8.50 Points of View: Barry Took comments on

9.00 News; The reader is John Simpson. Also

viewers' praise and scom.

9.25 McClain's Law: Crime thriller series, with James Arness and Marshall Colt as the two police chums. Tonight, a rapid is freed thanks to a smart lawyer, and McClain (Arness) finds himself facing a charge of

10.15 The Ian Wooldridge Interview: The journalist and broadcaster talks to Jeffrey Archer whose business life crembled all round him seven years ago. Now, this former MP is a writer of best-selling books 10.45: News headlines. And weather forecast: 11.50 The Best in the Ballroom: The presentation of the Carl-Alan Awards at the London

Lyceum. Demonstrations by som of the world's leading dancers. Ray Moore is the MC, and the entertainment is provided by jazz dancers Jane Darling, Andy Norman and Bill Drysdale; and the Tweets.

11.25 Film: Dan Candy's Law (1973) Canadian lounted Police drama, with Donald Sutherland as the sergeant hunting for the indian who killed his friend. Co-starring Kevin McCarthy, Francis Rachette. Ends at BBC 2 ITV/LONDON 9.35 For Schools. Reading with Lenny; How we Used to Live (9.47); Numbers programme (10.09); Physics in Action (10.21); River Channel Forms (10.43); He and Hers? (11.05); Leather's qualities (11.22); Wheezles and Snetzes (11.34); 11.55

6.40 Open University. Today's subjects are Life on Seashores (at 6.40); Ecology (7.05) and Statistics: First ideas (7.30); Open University nes end at 7.55; At 11.00; Play School: Mary Dawson's story Scarecrow Scallywag. With Chice Ashcroft and Brian Cant (also on BBC 1, at 3.55 pm); 11,25 Closedown; 2.15 Racing from Newbury: We see the 2.30 State Syrrey Years 2.30 State Express Young Steeplechasers' Qualifier, the 3.00 Dally Mirror Conditional Jockeys Championship Hurdle Race and the Championship Hurdle Race and the 4.00 March Hare Handicap Hurdle

5.10 Score Reading: How to find

Open University preview.

6.50 Dear Heart: Comedy series for

teenagers.
7.15 Spine Chillers: Freddie Jones reads H G Wells's in the Avu Observatory (r) 7.25 News.

7.30 Heroes: Hugh Falkus's idols include Sherlock: Holmes.

8.00 Gardeners' World: Pruning, sowing, and tending the lawn.

9.00 kis Williams and Sunshine:

are songs.

9.30 The Pigman's Protege:
Thomas Ellice's play has
Donald Gee as the rural

10.05 Cartoon; Banquet; 10.15

10.45 Newsnight: news, comment

11.30 Friday Night ... Saturday

Morning. The host is books specialist Frank Delaney,

naking his second appearance in this role. Ends at 12.25 am.

Newswork: Wealth distribution in Britain.

matchmaker seeking a husband for a farmer's daughter. Set in Gloucestershire just after the Great War. With Victoria

Fairbrother, Patrick Troughton and Hilary Dawson.

Scoop: Light-hearted news quiz compered by Richar Stiligoe. The panel: Graeme Garden, Diane Harron, Miles Kington and Jane Walmsley.

Woman in Green* (1945) The case of the missing thumbs.
With Basil Rathbone, Nigel

12.00 Second Thoughts: recurseres begins.
Education ideas for anyone, aged from nine to 90;
1.00 News; 1.20 Thames area news; 1.30 Take
the high Road: Trouble at the sawnill; 2.00 After
Noon Plus: Facing the questioners is Jo Grimond,
the former Liberal leader; 2.45 Snooker: More
play in the Yamaha Organs Trophy (more at 11.00) Race. Commentary: Julian Wilson,

4.15 Living on the Land: George Lane Fox, landlord of Yorkshire's Bramham Park 4.15 Dr Snuggies; the inventor with Peter Ustinov's voice; 4.20 Razzmatazz: Pop music show. With Buzz, Gary Numan, Brendan Healey and the Nolan Sisters. estate (r). 4.40 Around with Allies: Peter Allies 4.45 The Haunting of Cassie Palmer: Episode
2. The medium's daughter (Helen Probyn)
pays a visit to a graveyard. She meets a
stranger there (Geoffrey Rose). talks to Bill McLaren and plays golf with him,

5.15 Square One: The Joe Brown big board game, With Suzi Quatro and Simon Bates. your way through a musical score; 5.35 Weekend Outlook: 5.45 News; 6.00 The 6 o'Clock Show: Amusing news stories. The host is Michael Aspet, strongly supported by Janet Street-Porter. 5.40 Film: Sherlock Holmes and the

(11.22); Wheezies and Sheezes (11.39); 11.39 Comic Stories; 12.00 Song Book: with Kathy Jones, Leo Cove, Meg Nichol; 12.10 Once Upon a Time: The Golden Goose. With Peter Daybook; 12.30 Second Thoughts: New series begins.

7.00 Family Fortunes: Bob Monkhouse puts questions to the May hews of Wells, Omerset, and the Whitties, of Folkestone. Hawaii Five-O: tamous artist dies, and a series of murders follows. With Jack Lord as the private eye.

The Gaffer: Cornedy series with Bill Maynard as the boss of a small engineerin works. The bank gives him three days to pay off his overdraft -- or else! And just en he thinks he has got his anarchist son off his hands, a cable arrives from Australia. Co-starring Russell Hunter, Pat

9.00 We'll Meet Again; Episode three. The Second World War—and the American Air Force is stationed in Suffolk. The niece of a London spiv (Natalia Ogle) is terrified that her father will find out that she is in love. First in a new four week series The popular Welsh singer and her musical friends go cruising to Malta, Lisbon, Naples and (tonight) Vigo. En route, there with one of the American officers (Jeff Harding), Co-starring Susannah York and Michael J. Shannon.

10.00 News from ITN. 10.30 The London Programme: Sex Shops. The Government has introduced a Bill to allow local authorities to license these shops. But would it work? Local people in Tottenham; Newham and Tunbridge Weeks state their with the shops and the Bill With views about the shops and the Bill. With Mary Whitehouse; Reg Race MP; Patrick Mayhew, Minister of State at the Home Office; and representatives of the sex shops firm Conegate.

11.00 Snooker: Highlights of today's play in the Yemaha Organs Trophy, from Derby. 12.00 Police Surgeon: Police investigate a rehabilitation home after a wave of crimes.

With Sam Groom in the title role. . 12.30 Close: Wynford Vaughan Thomas on the art of being Welsh.

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BORDER: Joan Savage. ... And, in KALEDOSCOPE (Radio 4, 9.30), contents of open mouths in a dentist's surgery. What emerges from tonight's film is that when they're at the Palace Westminster, 6.30-7.00 That's Hollywood: Teenagers, 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy (Lee Majors), 10.30-11.00 Bizarra, 12.00 News, 12.03em Closedown. Barbican centre's first major art

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10.00 News. 10.02 International Assignment. 10.30 Daty Service. 10.45 Morning Story. "Hilbre Sun-day" By Berlie Doharty. 8.05 Morning Concert (continued)
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11.00 News.

11.05 The True Cost of Fish. Buckle,
a small fishing port on
Scotland's north-east coast
and its experience of loss of records. 9.05 This Week's Composer, Beel hoven; records. † 10.00 Martinu's Last Year. Concert. † life at see. 11.50 Bird of the Week. The blue tit.

10.45 St David's Music Work. Plano recital; Beethoven, Dablel Jones, Chopin.† 12.00 News. 12.02 You and Yours. Jones, Chopin.†

11.35 Style Galant. Chamber music recitat: Telemann, Tessarini, Quantz.†

-12.15 Midday Prom, direct from the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester. Part 1: Janacek, Prokofiex.†

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1.20 Midday Prom, Part 2: Dvorak.† 12.27 My Word Panel Game. † 1.00 The World at One: News. 1.40 The Archers. 2.00 News.

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2.02 Woman's Hour.
3.00 News.
3.02 Afternooh Theatre. "The Salamander" by Gsylord Meech. †
4.05 Poetry Pleasel †
4.15 Victims, Getting Justics. †
4.45 Story Time: "Wetsh Fargo" by
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5.00 Ph. News-Magazine.
6.00 The Six O'clock News.
6.30 Going Places.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Pick of the Week. †
8.10 Profile, A personal portrait.
8.30 Any Questions!
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair
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9.30 Kalsidoscope. 2.05 Light Music Minatures. Recital: Milhaud, Chopin, Michael Henry, Arnold, Liszt, Francalx.† 3.10 The Busch Quartet plays 4.00 Choral Evensong from Heratord Cathedral, †
4.55 News,
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure, †
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7.00 Prokofiev on record, †
7.30 Brandis Quartet of Berlin,
String quartet recital direct from the Broadcasting Centre,
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Mozart, †
8.05* Poetry Now, Readings of new poetry.

10.00 The World Tonight News. 10.35 Week Ending, †
11.00 A Book at Bediime: "A
Confederacy of Duncas" by
John Kennedy Toole (10).
11.15 The Financial World Tonight,
11.30 Today in Parliament,
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11.05 Guy Ropartz on record. † VHF: 5.55-6.55, Open University, 11,20pm-1,00em, Open University.

9.10 Words, Talk by Gerald Lang

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12.57-1.00 pm News, 3.20-3.53

Closedown, 3.53-3.55 News, 6.00
8.22 Scene around Str. 10.15-10.45

Spotlight, 10.45-10.50 News, 1.00 am

News, England 6.00-6.22 pm Regional

Spotlight, 10.45-10.50 News, 1.00 am News, England B.00-6.22 pm Regional Magazines, 10.15-10.45 East: Weekand, Midlands; Midlands Tonight, North East: Daisy, North West: Sweet and Sour, South: Day Out, South West: The Attic-Archives, West: Marathon Runner, 1.00 am Close.

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As London except 12.30pm-1.00 Vet. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00 Calendar, 6.30-7.00 Sport. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy (t.ee Majors). 10,30-11.00 Bizarre. 12.00 Fox Club and Country: Story of Hampden Park. 12.45am Closedown.

As London except 12,30pm-1.00 Vel.

TSW As London except: 11.55am-12.00 Look and See. 12.30pm-1.00 Vet. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdal Farm. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30 What's Ahead. 7.30-8.30 Hart to Hart. 10.32 News. 10.35 Postscript. 10.40 Mysterious Tales. 10.45-11.00 Love American Style. 12.00 Three's Company. 12.31am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 11.34 am-12.00 Face Your Future: 12.30 pm-1.00 Vet. 1.20-1.30 News, 5.15 Hear Here: Traditional Music With The Boys Of The Lough: 5.30-5.45 Good Evening

ine Lough, 5.30-5.45 Good Evening Uster, 6.00 Good Evening Uster, 6.30-7.00 Diffrent Strokes, 7.30-8.30 Fall Goy, 10.30 Witness, 10.35-11.00 Benson, 12.00 News at Bedtime, Closedown. SCOTTISH As Landon except: 12.30pm-1.00 Vet. 1.20 News, 1.30-2.00 Square One. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Scotland Today, 6.25 Sports Extra. 6.45-7.00 Hear Here: Battlefield Band.

Vays and Means, 11.00 Late Call. 11.05 Snooker, 12.00 Bizarre. 12.30am Closedown. TYNE TEES As London except: 9.25em Good Word, 9.30-9.25 News, 12,30pm-1.00 Vet, 1,20-1.30 News, Lookeround, 6.00 News, 6.02 Sportstime, 6.30-7.00 Northern Life, 7 Sp. 8 90 E-11 7.00 Northern Life. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy. 10.30 News. 10.32-11.00 Bizarre: 12.00 Superstar Profile: Roger Moore. 12.30sm Poel's Corner. 12.35 Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 11.35 am-12.00 Something Different. 12.30 pm-1.00 Vet. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00-7.00 News.

Vet. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00-7.00 News. 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy (Lee Majors). 10.30-11.00 Bizarre. 12.00 News. 12.05 am Film: Taste of Evil (Barbara-Stamwyck, Roddy McDowall). Young woman cured of mental litness returns home only to find herself the target of someone seeking to undermine her newly won sanity. 1.30 Closedown.

As London except: starts 11.55 am-12.00 Look and see. 12.30 pm-1.00 Vet. 1,20-1.30 News, 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm, 6.00 Channel Empertuse ram. Courtes Report. 6.35-7.00 All That Jazz, 7.30-8.30 Hart to Hart. 10.28 News. 10.35 Aulgurd Titul En France. 10.40 Mysterious Tales. 10.45-11.00 Love American Style. 12.00 Three's Company. 12.30am Closedown.

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As London except:Starts 9.30 em 9.35 First Thing, 12.30 pm-1.00 Vet.,1.20 News, 6.00-7.00 North Tonight, 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy, 10.30 Points North: Monthly political purpolar, 11.30 Monthly political round-up, 11-30 Snooker, 12.00 Wild, Wild World of Ankals, 12.30 am News, 12.35

TVS

As London except: 12.30 pm-1.00
Vots: 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15 Watch
This Space... 5.30-5.45 Coast to
Coast. 6.00 Coast to Coast, 6.30-7.00
Friday Sportshow. 7.30-8.30 The Fall
Guy, 10.30-11.00 Bizarre, 12.00 Lou
Grant. 1.00 am Company, followed by
Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 11.54-12.00 Wattoo, Wattoo. 12.30pm-1.00 Vet. 1.20 Granada Reports. 1.30 Exchange Flags. 2.00 Take the High Road, 2.30-

Plags, 2.00 Take the Inight Hold, 2.30-2.45 Soundrof, ... Vince Hill, 6.00 Kick Off, 5.30-7.00 Grahada Reports, 7.30-8.30 Fall Guy (Lee Majors), 10.30-11.00 Bizarre, 12.00 Film; Who Are You? (Romy Schneider), Man is mysteriously killed in a car crash, and the waveness agreement in surpected his woman companion is suspected. 1.30am Closedown.

ANGLIA

As London except: 11.33 am-12.00
Survival. 12.30 pm-1.00 Vet. 1.201.30 News. 6.00-7.00 About Angila.
7.30-8.30 Fail Guy (Lee Majors).
10.30-11.00 Bizarre. 12.00 Film:
Savages (Andy Griffith). Man struggles desperalely in the heat of the desert to escape from a murdarer. 1.20 am Encounters at Walsingham.

HTV WEST

As London except: 11.50 am-12.00 Cartoon. 12.30 pm-1.00 Vel. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Benson. 6.00 News. 6.30-7.00 Mr and Mrs. 7.30-8.30 The Fall Guy. 10.28 News. 10.30-11.00 Good Neighbour Show. 12.00 Closedown.

HTV CYMRU/WALES As HTV West except: 11,34 am-11.49 About Wales. 12,00-12,10 pm Ftalabalam. 4.15-4.45 Yr Hwyaid Gwylit. 5,00 Y Dydd. 6,15-6,30 Report

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN: † STEREO # BLACK AND WHITE: 01 REPEAT.

House of Lords

Protégé (BBC 2, 9.30pm)

Law Report March 5 1982

House of Lords

Prison governor guilty of contempt Hotel decor is allowable plant

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material time serving a seatence for theft of about £2m and was also concerned in other criminal: proceedings, in respect of which he had retained solicitors. On June 25, 1980, he wrote a letter to his solicitors.

The governor, suspecting and, as the Divisional Court held, having reasonable cause to suppose, that the letter contained matter not relating to the pending proceedings, caused it to be opened and read, and finding that it included an allegation Mr Ragshaw, stopped the letter.

The prisoner then prepared an application to the High Court for leave to apply for an order of committal against the governor under Order 52 of the Rules of the Supreme Court for contempt of court. It included a statement, a draft affidavit and exhibits, and a covering letter. The governor stopped that application on the ground that it included an allegation against a prison officer, and that, under the Prison Rules (1964) it could not be forwarded under the Prison Rules (1964) it could not be forwarded under the Prison Rules (1964). be forwarded under the "prior ventilation" rule, namely, that such allegations must first be

• NATIONWIDE (BBC 1, 6.22pm)

is devoted entirely to the contemporary equivalents of W. S.

Gilbert's "paragons of legislation, pillars of the British nation" (see

House of Lords. This is, however

peers, the first film in a series of

three which reveal what their

topdships do when they are not ceremonially processing in their red, tur-brimmed dressing gowns. Some, file Lord Blyton, qualf a sociable half-pint and take to the

floor at the local working men's club dance. Others, like Lord Colwyn, blow a mean trumpet in a

lazz band when not probing the

a strictly factual report on our_

expressly or by necessary imparcation.

The question was to what extent (if any) the prisoner's rights were taken away, or affected by, the Prison Rules, or by standing orders made by the secretary of state.

The statutory authority to make rules was conferred by section 47 of the Prison Act 1952 (as amended): "(1) The secretary of state may make rules for the regulation and management of prisons, remand centres, detention centres and Borstal institutions respectively, and for the tutions respectively, and for the classification, treatment, employment, discipline and control of persons required to be detained herein. "(2) Rules made under this

section shall make provision for ensuring that a person who is charged with any offence under the rules shall be given a proper opportunity of presenting his The relevant rules for the

present appeal and cross appeal were rules 33, 34, 37 and 37A. Rule 33, on letters and visits ventilation" rule, namely, that such allegations must first be investigated in the prison.

Mr Simon D Brown and Mr Andrew Collins for the governor, Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC and Mr Anthony Trollope for the prisoner.

LORD WILBERFORCE, said on the governor's appeal that in

CHOJGE:

...the lords spiritual and secular are-

the smallest fly in Westmorland:

says Lord Home) and discerning (copies of The Times are much in evidence).

O THE PREMARY S PROFESSION (BBC 2, 9.30 pm). Thomas Ellice's play about's Gloucestershire village wooling, runs for 35 minutes — 5 perfect length for a perfectly standard the service.

• THE PIGMAN'S PROTEGE

told tale. The period, the early

twenties, determines not only the

theme (a planned marriage to ease

affable, knowledgeable (experts on-everything from War and Peace to

against an officer."

The correct procedure was in fact for the prisoner to make a formal complaint with a view to an internal investigation. A prisoner might pursue his complaint through the courts only after there had been an investigation of that kind.

Standing order 17A(4) permit-Standing order 17A(4) permitted an immate to institute civil proceedings (including an application for an order of certiorari, mandamus or prohibition) in person or might instruct a solicitor to do so on his behalf subject to the "prior ventilation" provisions.
In light of those provisions his

Lordship turned to the subject matter of the appeal — the stopping by the governor of the prisoner's application to the High

prisoner's application to the man Court.

In his Lordship's opinion there was nothing in the Prison Act that conferred power to make regulations which would deny, or interfere with the right of a prisoner to have unimpeded access to a court. Section 47 was concerned with the regulation and management of prisons and and management of prisons and quite insufficient to authorize, hindrance or interference with so

basic a right.

The regulations themselves contemment the regulations themselves must be interpreted accordingly, otherwise they would be ultra wires. So interpreted, his Lordship was unable to conclude that ship was unable to conclude that either rule 34(8) — which was expressed in very general terms—or rule 37A(4) whether taken by themselves or in conjunction with standing orders, was in any way sufficiently clear to justify the hindrance which took place.

The standing orders, if they

wances for the superiod ended Aproposition of the Finance Act 1971.

In oursider that was committed admittedly not clear.

The Divisional Court accepted A the governor's evidence and concluded: "In these circumstances, whether or not he was entitled to stop the letter, we are satisfied that his conduct was not conduct calculated to obstruct or interfere with the due course of justice or the lawful process of he courts and that is a constant of the courts and that is a constant of the courts and that is a constant of the courts and that is a court of the courts are constant of the courts are courts and that is a court of the courts are constant of the c

justice or the lawful process of the courts and that it was not therefore a contempt of court.". Although his Lordship would have liked more precise evidence on the issue, it was for the prisoner to make out his case and the court to reach a conclusion on such evidence as it had. His Lordship would also dismiss the cross appeal.

LORD BRIDGE, agreeing, saidhe would add a third, equally basic, principle to the two stated by Lord Wilberforce, namely, that a citizen's right to unimpeded access to the courts could only be taken away by express on the cross-appeal and the supporting evidence, no doubt the unjustified stopping of a communication between a prisoner and his solicitor was

capable of amounting to a contempt of court

contempt of court.

But it was for the prisoner to show that it did so, and the evidence failed to establish that the stopping of the letter to the solicitor effectively impeded the prisoner in giving to his solicitor whatever instructions he wished Lord Elwon-lones Lord

LORD WILBERFORCE said that the company owned and managed a large number of hotels and licensed premises in Scotland and England. In 1972 it decided that to increase or even maintain its turnover it ought to brighten and modernise the facilities offered to the public.

If therefore spent money on facilities offered to the public.

If therefore spent money on electrical rewiring, new light fittings and various categories of decor and murals, such as plaques, tapestries and pictures. In one hotel it set up two elaborate metal sculptures representing seaguils in flight.

Section 41 of the Finance Act

Section 41 of the Finance Act 1971 stated as the condition for obtaining the allowance that the claimant had to be carrying on a trade and incur capital expendi-ture on the provision of machinery or plant for the purpose of the trade. The question for decision, which both courts below had answered in the company's favour, was whether the expenditure, undoubtedly

the expenditure, undoubtedly capital expenditure, was on the provision of "plant".

Of the claimed items of expenditure the commissioners disallowed that on electrical wiring and against that decision there was no appeal. The remaining items totalled about \$105,000.

whatever instructions he wished
Lord Elwyn-Jones, Lord
Russell and Lord Lowry agreed.
Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor;
Rallinan, Blackburn, Gittings & principles what type of clientele it wished to attract and on that

why not such equally improbable items as murais, or tapestries, or chandeliers?

The courts had over the years provided themselves with some guidance in principle, starting with Lord Justice Lindley in Yamouth v France (1887) 19 OBD 647,658). Plant, he said "included whatever apparatus is used by a business man for carrying on his business — not his stock-in-trade which he buys or makes for sale; but all goods and chattels, fixed or movable, live or dead, which he keeps for permanent employment in his business"

Later cases had revealed that a permanent structure might be plant (IRC v Barclay, Curle & Co Ltd (1969) IWLR 657) and argument had ranged over the question whether to constitute plant an item had to fulfil an active role or whether a passive role would suffice. Perhaps the most useful discrimen for present purposes where the House was concerned with something done to premises, was to be found in that of "setting" to provide a setting for the conduct of a trade or business was not to provide a setting for the conduct of a trade or business was not to provide a not the former canse for which the money was spent had been established by the comprovide a setting to the found in that of "setting" to provide a setting to provi tea shop. But that, too, was not without difficulty.

without difficulty.

In the Lyans case Mr Justice
Uthwatt thought that different
considerations might apply to
certain specific lamps because
they might "be connected with
the needs of the particular trade
carried on upon the premises".

Another much used test word
was "functional". That was
useful as expanding the notion of
"apparatus"; it was used by Lord
Reid in the Barclay, Curle case.
But that, too, had to be

or a separate part of the trade.

The length to which the Crown's argument went illustrated its frailty. It was also an illusion to think that a more general interpretation of "plant" would lead to unjustified exemptions. There was no lack of claims that had been rejected by commissioners or favouable decisions which had later been reversed by the courts. reversed by the courts.

Moreover the test accepted in this case by the commissioners and affirmed by the Inner House drew a line which could be held without trouble: something which became part of the premises, instead of merely embellishing them, was not plant, except in the rare case where the except in the rare case where the premises were themselves plant, like the dry dock in the Barciau,

Curle case.

And, in the last resort, if after enduring a century of Yarmouth v France, Parliament decided that definition, something could no doubt be done to curb the "excesses" of the commissioners and the judiciary.

The appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Salmon, Lord Fraser and Lord Bridge agreed. Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue: Martin & Co for Shepherd & Wedderburn, Edin-

Brian Harris

Britain's EEC bill set to reach £540m

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

cost Britain some £540m in 1982, according to Treasury estimates, unless a restructuring of the community budget is agreed quickly.

This figure is the basis of the case for a final settlement of the problem of the budget's imbalance to be put to the in 1982, for the third successive ways. It is thelven to restrict the compensation formula for Britain which was agreed two years ago will apply in 1982, for the third successive ways. It is thelven to restrict the compensation to the problem of the budget's in 1982, for the third successive ways.

imbalance to be put to the European Council by the Prim Minister at the end of this month.

Mrs Thatcher is likely to have a double difficulty. There will be resistance to the merits of the British case, since eight member countries are not beneficiaries of the present system, with West Germany the only other net contributor. And the Treasury figures like all forecasts, are highly debatable. Eritain's net contribution in 1932 was given as £622m in a White Paper published yester-day. Gross contributions were estimated at £2,667m and for special reasons that will receipts at £2.045m, including not recur; higher world food

EEC membership is likely to £80m-to £540m-by Treasury cost Britain some £540m in sources who explained that

sive year. It is tikely to yield according to the Treasury's best estimate.

Another reason for scepti-cism in the community about the British case is the fact that Britain's deficit in 1981 has proved to be much smaller than expected.

The agreement reached in May, 1980, expected Britain to show a "loss" of about £440m in its dealings with the com-munity. The latest Treasury estimate is between £55m and Whitehall insists that this is

the 5865m rebate on Britain's prices, which reduced the cost of EEC export subsidies; the Common Public Accounts Committee requires to be included in the year it is received.

The net figure was at once revised downwards by some not recur; higher world food prices, which reduced the cost of EEC export subsidies; the unexpectedly high value of sterling last year, and Britain's unexpectedly high share of ordinary receipts from the community.

In law some women are more equal than others

From Ian Murray, Brussels, March 4

Sex discrimination against to match up to the European

Along with Belgium and Italy, Britain is in the first group of countries to be prose-cuted for refusing to alter its legislation on equal rights.

One of the main complaints is that Britain refuses to accept male midwives, and if the European Court were to agree, it would mean that the profession would have to be opened to men.

The European Commission decided to bring the case fically require all trade union against Britain because, in a agreements to respect the

Sex discrimination against to match up to the European men is one of the reasons that Britain is to be taken before the European Court for falling to bring its laws in line with EEC legislation.

Along with Belgium and Italy, Britain is in the first group of countries to be prose-

justification for its failure to comply.

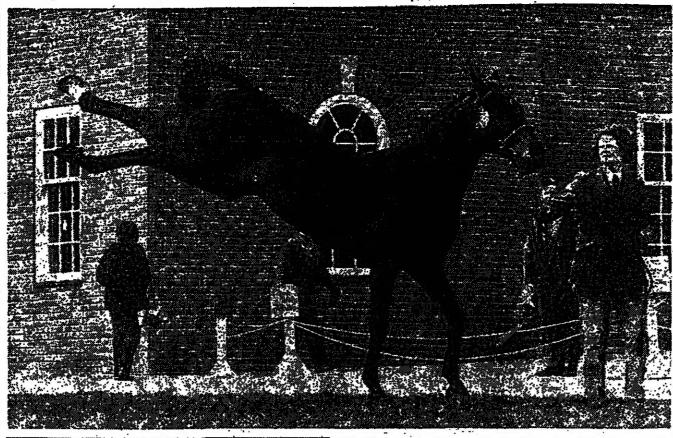
The British response was a strong defence of its existing legislation on the points at issue. According to the Commission: "If anything the British position hardened so there was no alternative but to bring the prosecution."

The main point at issue is that British law does not specifically require all trade union

against Britain because, in a agreements to respect the number of areas, the Sex Discrimination Act of 1975 failed men and women

Kick-back for the judges

THE TIMES





A stallion stretches its legs before entering the arena at the thoroughbred stallion show in Newmarket yesterday. The Queen presented the trophies, awarded by the judges (immediately above) of the Hunters' Improvement and National Light Horse Breeding Society. The stallion gaining most marks for "service and foaling returns" was Politico, awarded the Henry Tudor Cup. This was collected by Mrs Margot Peacock of Mickle Trafford, Chester.

Laker loses his free air travel privilege

By John Witherow

Sir Freddie Laker, who, as head of Laker Airways, has travelled to and from the United States free of charge, is to have his entitlement to free travel stopped by British Air-

The decision was made after Sir Freddie returned first class from Miami on Tuesday while passengers stranded by the collapse of his airline a month ago travelled in the economy section of the same aircraft at an extra cost of £130 each. Sir Freddie's entitlement to a free ticket is a reciprocal arrangement offered to the

heads of airlines; the facility is being withdrawn because he is no longer in charge of one. When he sporoached the British Airways station man-ager in Miami earlier this week messages were sent back and forth across the Atlantic before the airline's head office in

London agreed to allow him to fly free of charge.

British Airways said yester day: "There is no reason to suppose he will ask for, or will be granted, this facility again.".

Sir Freddie has also flown first class to Los Angeles free of charge with Pan American since the collapse of Laker Airways. Pan America would not say vesterday whether it not say yesterday whether it intended to withdraw his free

British Caledonian and TWA indicated, however, that they would be taking the same line as British Airways.

British Caledonian appealed directly to the Prime Minister yesterday after the Civil Aviation Authority's refusal to grant it a "quickie" right to take over Laker's share of the Britain to Los Angeles route Britain to Los Angeles route (our Transport Correspondent writes).

Frank Johnson in the Commons

Howell has been playing an away fixture too

Mr John Carlisle (Luton West, Con) managed to draw the House's attention yesterday to the suggestion that Mr Denis Howell, the Labour spokesman on sport, has been on a football tour of the Soviet Union through it all—the "all" being the cricket tour of South Africa.

Mr Carlisle and other verkganget hackbenchers such as

rampte backbenchers such as Mr Nicholas Winterton (Mac-clesfield, Con) and Mr Tony clesfield, Con) and Mr Tony
Marlow (Northampton North,
Con) have been trying to intrude this priceless, immortal,
glorious piece of information
into the Commons uproar all
week. But such are the rules
of order and the haphazard
way in which details get into
Commons exchanges it sometimes takes days for the rest
of us to grasp a point. of us to grasp a point.
"Where's Denis Howell?"
these useful Tory brutes have been crying to no effect for some time. Still more ob-scurely, Mr Winterton de-manded from the sedentary manded from the sectionary
position at one stage earlier
in the week: "Tell us about
Aston Villa." (Only now do
most of us realize that Mr Howell is apparently visiting the Soviet Union with that famous football club, the Shadow Minister for Sport being a Birmingham member.)

The Labour benches have been in a moralistic trance all week ever since Mr Gerald Kaufman launched the uproar with his memorably

awful phrase about cricketers selling themselves for blood-covered krugerrands. And all the while Mr. Howell was travelling amicably in a land which practises several forms of severate devalument at separate development, not least that between the rulers least that between the rulers and the rest of the popuation. Are the Viua getting a share of the gate? Has Mr Howell drunk so much as one incture of free vodka? If so, there's rouge on these roubles, as Mr Kaufman would put it.

Enormously heartened by Mr Howell's own goal, the Tory backbench hard types nodded with approval through another classical Thatcher

another classical Thatcher innings yesterday on the issue of the tour. The very

first question was on the subject. Mr Jack Straw (Blackburn, Lab) denounced her previous mealy-(Blackburn, Lab) denounced her previous mouthed and ted between the reference to her memorable overnight stand at question time last Tuesday. Did she now condenn the tour, he demanded. Yes or no. The Prime Minister replied that she stood by a the Gleneagles agreement. This has been her tactic throughout the bowling, for herdly anyone can remember what the Gleneagles agreement was. But by yesterday she had become hampered by an artistingly unequivocal condennation of the tour by Lord Carrington. unequivocal condemnation of the tour by Lord Carrington, the regime's veriligiz Foreign Secretary. So yesterday she went on to say she shared the opinion of Lord Carrington that "this tour is perhaps a mistake", (Actually he put it rather more strongly than that.) Mrs Thatcher almost numbled those words.

mumbled those words.

It is clear that she hates the whole controversy. Labour started raging. The loyal Sir William Clark (Crovdon South, Con) tried to change the subject. Mr Foot rose. "To return to the cricket tour", he began and rambled into a question which contained the prying phrase: "Does the Right Hon lady agree with the Foreign Secretary", the correct answer to which is: very rarely. "The Right Hon Gentleman cannot have been listening", she told Mr Foot, assuming a world-weary air: "I endorsed the Foreign Secretary on this matter in my last reply", which really she had not. Suddenly, Mr Winston Churchill (Stretford, Con) bored in with a barrage Con) bored in with a barrage balloon of lovalty consisting of: "May I congratulate the Prime Minister on taking the initiative among oil-producing nations to procure a sharp downward trend in oil prices? This provides not only Great Britain, but the industrialized world with the opportunity to break into what Iain Macleod called the virtuous circle in which There was almost no end to this tremendous conversation

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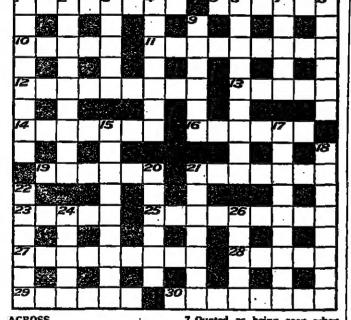
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THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements The Prince of Wales attends a ceremony to commemorate the diamond jubilee of the Commonwealth Forestry Association at Westonbirt Arboretum, Gloucestershire, 3.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No. 15,772



deserved (6). Water-borne item Mayor's Show (6).

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15 Thought inferior at first to carpeting (9).

17 Attack on the way? Show amusement in this (9).

Lent 18). 20 Bill in strange lore finds this

(7). 22 Drink the darts-player needs

Solution of Puzzle No 15,771

Rustic Roger (5). 26 Fuel bill item for the soldiers

Zealousty organizing a dry

"Whose —s are alternate Night and Day," (Fitzgerald)

ACROSS 1 Do as Browning did taking writer as true wife (8).
5 Eavesdropping below zero?

10 Charlie taking pub in New 11 Cleric embraces brother installed at Herstmonceux? (9).

12 He goes to battle to command—should do the trick! (3,6).

13 Deposit for cottage (5).

14 Change round to sounding pompous (7). 16 A body's design to speed 21 retirement (6). 19 Workplace for Number Ten (6).

21 Appearance money her reward in the theatre? (7).
23 Return to her or someone else (5).
25 Re-dial to get old military command (5-4).
27 Rose's companion (9).
28 So many corner-pieces in the cube (5).

29 Races at all these, anyhow (6). 30 Regular correspondence between sides (8). DOWN 1 Big cat depicted tailless on old

temple (8). 2 Nurse has go at making butter (5-4).
3 A better sort of cake (5).
4 Read by custom on first of December (7).

SOUTH OF PERSON IS, MANUAL STREET OF A STR 6 Sweet affinity of Corday and Currer (9). Prize Crossword in The Times tomorrow

The Duke of Edinburgh, president of the Duke of Edinburgh's Commonwealth Study Conferences, artends a meeting with the 1986 Start Up Group in Bombay.

New exhibitions

Namy Mulder: Mezzotints, and Sky felts by Jenny Cowern; Sty felts by Jenny Cowern; Crawford Centre for Arts, United Puzzle No. 15,772

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Last chance to see Scottish pottery, examples of the wares of some of the Scottish factories from the late eighteenth to the twentieth century; Perth Museum and Art Gallery, George Street, Perth; 10 to 1 and 2 to 5.

Talks, lectures

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Curtains up on curtains, by lain
Macintosh, Museum of London,
London Wall, EC2, 1.10.
Cuyp: A hilly river landscape,
by Andrey P. Tyndall, National
Gallery, 1.
Carolingian and Ottonian art, by
Geoffrey House, 11.30; and the
location of archaeological sites, by
David Williams, 1.15; both at
Bavish Museum.
George Stubbs by Mary Maidment, Tate Gallery, 1.
Music

Organ recital by Ian Tracey, St Paul's Cathedral, 12.30. Recital by members of the French song class, Guildhall School of Music and Drama, Bar-School of Music and Drama, Barbican, EC2, 1.10.
Mid-Somerset competitive festival, Guildhall, Pump Room, and Technical College. Bath, Fri 5 to Sat 6, 10 to 5: Wed 10 to Sat 13 March, 10 to 5; Tues, March 16 to Sat March 20, 10 to 5.
Concert by Northern Sintonia Orchestra, Alnwick Castle, Northumberland, 7.30.

General The King's Opera Group pre-sents a production of Walton: Facade; and Weill: Mahagonny

Songsolel. at New Theatre, Strand Building, Kings College London, 7.30.

The Janice Blake School of Dancing presents Children Entertain "82". De La Wart Pavilion, Beschill-on-Sea, 7.30.

Food prices

With little incentive to retailers to make discounts, meat prices remain generally high and continue to show little change from one week to the next. Pork is probably the best buy, and New Zealand lamb is on average 20-40p a lb cheaper than English. Cheaper cuts, like shoulder of lamb and hand of pork, can be surprisingly good.

Seasonal fruit from South Africa, including apples, plums and grapes, is expensive. English apples are becoming scarce and expensive, but Conference pears can be found at their best, neither too hard nor overripe and messy. With little incentive to retailers

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Chariots of Fire/Gregory's Fort Apache, The Bronx 10 Body Heat
The top five in the provinces:

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Gardens open

TOMORROW: Sussex West:
Berri Court, Yapton, five miles
sw of Arundel; three-acre garden, trees, shrubs, heathers. 2-6
pm. SUNDAY: Berkshire. The
Coach House, Horse Leas, Bradfield, seven miles w of Reading.
Inneresting and difficult garden
on north facing slope and heavy
clav. Plants for sale. 2-6 pm.
Hampshire. Cheriton Cottage,
Cheriton, three miles s of Alresford; two-acre garden, trees,
shrubs, chalk stream. 2-6 pm.
Somerset. Clapton Court, three
miles s of Crewkerne on B3165.
10 acres, unusual trees, shrubs, 10 acres, unusual trees, shrubs, etc. Plants for sale. 2-5 pm; else every day except Saturdays, 10-5 pm. Renfrewshire. Auchengrange, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire; woodland carpeted with snow-drops; produce stall. 2-5.30 pm. drops; produce stall. 2-3.30 pm. MONDAY: Gloucestershire. The Old Manor, Twyning, near Tewkesbury. Over one-acre garden, trees, shrubs, herbaceous and alpine plants, Plants for cale. Every Monday 2-6 pm or dusk. Saturdays by appointment (Tewkesbury 293516). No Sundays.

The papers

The Dally Mirror today com-pares the "lad's army" the new adventure training scheme for young people proposed by Mr John Nott, the Secretary of State for Defence, with what it calls his new version of Dad's Army.

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"The Government wants to
recruit 4,500 men to defend 1,000
key installations for capture by
Soviet assault troops. That is an
average of 44 men to beat off
esch attack. It should be quite
a fight," it writes.
In Paris, Le Matin announces
that France will produce its own
neutron bomb and says President
Mitterrand only waits for an
opportune moment to announce
a decision "which virtually has
aiready been taken."

Commenting on the French
government decision to lower per-

government decision to lower per-rol prices. Le Quotidien calls it " an electoral gadget which risks to give the death stroke to the refining industry."

Sporting fixtures Pootball: See Page 19.
Racing: Newbury (2.0), Haydock Park (1.45).
Boxing: Oxford University v
Cambridge University (Oxford
Town Hall, 8.0).
Shooker: Yamaina Organs-Supposer: Yamana Organs Tournament (Derby). Squash rackets: ISPA champ-ionship (Abbeydale, Sheffield, 5.0). 5.0). Sport on TV

BBC2: 2.15, racing from 1TV: 2.45, Snooker—Yamaha Organs Trophy; 11.00, Snooker— Yamaha Organs Trophy.

Auctions today

Christie's, King Street: Fine English pictures of the seven-teenth and twentieth centuries, 10.30. Christie's, South Kensingno. 5. Commisters, south Acting-ton: Printed books, atlases and maps, 10.30; old and modern silver, 2. Phillips, Blenheim Street: Silver and plate, 11. Sotheby's, Bond Street: Carpets, 10; English furniture, 11.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the March draw for 510,000 Premium Bond prizes are: 7AN 620751 (winner lives in Berkshire); 4FB 023183 (Norfolk); 11TS 480243 (Here-fordshire); 20VT 700633 (Essex); 3YT 950018 (Leeds).

Today's anniversaries Giovanni Tiepoto was born in Venice, 1696; Austen Henry Layard, excavator of Nineveh, in Paris, 1817; William Henry Beveridge, in Rangpur, India, 1879, Correcgio died at Correcgio, 1534, and Thomas Arne in Lon-don, 1778.

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Private mem-bers' motions on unemployment in Kent and on test-tube babies.

Weather

A ridge of high pressure will move steadily across Britain as a trough of low pressure advances from the W

6 am to midnight

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N Wales, EW Esstand

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Feil wood: March 9.

Lighting up time

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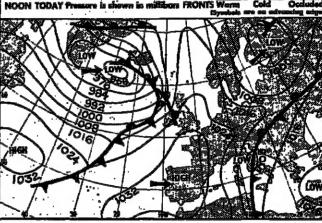
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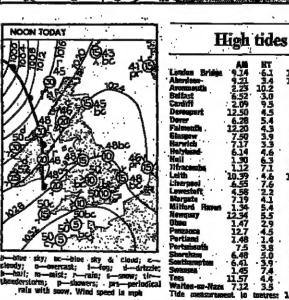
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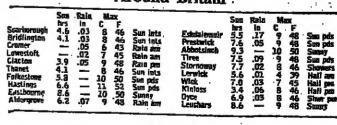
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Around Britain



Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair: r, rain; s, sun; sl, sleet; sn, snow. 2 7 45 2 12 54 2 19 66 3 19 66 3 16 61



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